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▲ Local boy scout troops show their respect at Wilmington's 2016 Memorial Day Ceremonies.

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Town ceremony reflects the true meaning of MEMORIAL DAY

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WILMINGTON - Mother Nature brought overcast skies, an almost constant drizzle, and a chance of rain to the area for Memorial Day. But it didn't interfere with the town's annual ceremony. A crowd of literally hundreds, too many to count, gathered on Monday at Wildwood Cemetery to pay tribute to our fallen military heroes.

Before the ceremony, a lone Marine stood on the sidelines waiting patiently for the start. A Wilmington police officer acknowledged her with a "Semper Paratus" greeting. Her presence set the stage for the mid-morning event.

Marine Private First Class Casey Herra was home on leave from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. She serves there as an ammunition technician.

"I'm here just to pay my respects," her voice appropriately quiet and reserved.

Herra has been attending this Memorial Day ceremony every year since she can

remember. The WHS 2013 graduate has been in the Marines for well over two years now.

"This is the first time I'm at this service in uniform," she explained.

Veterans ball caps boasting WW2, Korean War and Vietnam War emblems decorated the crowd. Red, white and blue umbrellas dotted the landscape. Young and old came together. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts joined veterans' organizations and the police and firemen groups. Coasties, airmen, soldiers, and sailors were all present. The gathering was complete and respectful.

Lou Cimaglia opened the ceremony by saying "Thank you for all coming out here today as we knew Wilmington would."

The national anthem followed, sung perfectly by WHS student Nicole Bertolami. The opening prayer praised God and the honored dead. It asked for comfort for the families left behind, a common theme throughout the rest of the ceremony.

Each presentation reminded those assembled that freedom isn't free. State Representative Jim Miceli, Board of Selectman Chair Judith O'Connell, and Town Manager Jeff Hull all offered meaningful, sincere and poignant comments. They preceded Gold Star Father Arthur MacDonald who was the fea-



▼ Veterans standing at attention during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony in Wilmington include from left, Son of VFW Steve Dickson, CDR Jerry Foster, Chaplain Jim Pedone and past National District Commander Joe Millette. All Navy Seabees.

► Boy Scout Tiger Cub Henry Alemadia, age 7, gently touches a grave marker as he watches intently. This could be his first real Memorial Day experience.

▼ The Dunnett Family, including Butch Sharon, Rebecca, Kenzie and Avery, dressed in stars and stripes attended Wilmington's 2016 Memorial Day ceremonies.



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Wilmington Library Event

Survivor stories captivate audience at Living History night

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WILMINGTON - Over 70 people filled the main meeting room at the Wilmington town library last Thursday night. They gathered to hear the Living History stories presented by Seng Ty, survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide of the 1970s, and Mary Recko, survivor of the Nazi genocide of the 1940s. The May 26th event was moderated by Tina Stewart, Library Director.

The speakers educated, moved, and even entertained the large and engaged audience. Amidst heartbreaking stories of struggle and terror, Ty and Recko were able to make the crowd smile and even laugh. The two speakers shared their experiences to inspire them with messages of hope and strength.

Seng Ty and Cambodian Genocide

"Cambodian genocide was one of the worst in history," said Ty as he started his story. "Not many people knew what was going on," he said of the 1975-1979 reign of Khmer Rouge. As a 7-year old boy he remembers the day the Khmer Rouge rolled through the streets where he lived near Phnom Penh. Cambodia had been war torn as a result of the Vietnam War. There was chaos, but now the Khmer Rouge had overthrown the government and promised a better life. "No more war," Ty said. That's what the cheering children were thinking. But within hours, they learned the truth as Khmer Rouge "smiling faces turned into monsters."

Thousands and thousands of people were forced from their homes into the streets to march into the jungles. They were only allowed to take what they could carry. Ty witnessed executions as some refused to leave. And this was just the beginning of his terror.

After three months, they were moved by train to the rice fields. This was all part of the Khmer Rouge plan to eradicate the wealthier, educated population as a class. They intended to build a new agriculturally-based society. Older sons went with the fathers. Mothers, daughters, and younger children were sent to different places. Ty's family was separated. He would never see his father again. As the youngest of 11

in his family, he would be the only survivor.

His life became one of long days in the fields, very little to eat, beatings, mass graves, and attempted brain washing. Work began at 6 AM and lasted until 7 or 8 PM. He had only one, sometimes two bowls of rice to eat each day. People were tortured, executed; many around him died from starvation.

"Every night I had to attend a meeting," he explained. The Khmer Rouge told the children to follow only them. "Your parents are no longer your parents," they were told. Ty was also forbidden to talk about anything happening within the camps. The imprisoned people could not share or release their feelings. They were not allowed to hug.

Ty remembers his father being taken away, and he clearly remembers his last night with his mother. "If the country gets back to normal, get a good education," she told him. Ty says that was her vision of revenge. The day after she talked to her son of this, she died of starvation.

His time in the camps ended in 1979 when the Vietnamese came into Cambodia and established the new Republic of Kampuchea. But as an orphan, his ordeal continued. He was forced to live on the streets, eventually making his way to a Thai refugee camp. It was here he became the subject of American TV and magazine stories, including the well-known Time article "Children of War" by Roger Rosenblatt.

Marlena Brown read that story here in Massachusetts. She was touched deeply when he said, "I don't want to kill anybody; I only want to be the best person possible." He was speaking to his mother's words. Brown found him and brought him here.

The journey to the US was both exciting and scary for Ty. He could not believe this was happening to him. Going first to rural western Massachusetts, he was confused because he expected buildings and not farm land.

The crowd at the library roared with laughter when he explained that, during his first summer here, his American family announced they were going camping. "I thought, 'this is a crazy family,'" he told the crowd, with a big smile on his face. "I don't want this. I want my bed. I did that for many years. Why do I have to sleep on the ground?" As he learned English and became part of his new American family, obviously

► Mary Recko (left), a Catholic survivor of the Nazi camps, listens to Tina Stewart, Library Director and moderator as Stewart interviews her at the Living History event. Recko shared how she and her family were taken from their home after the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 and the terrifying ordeal that followed.



▲ At the town library's Living History night, Seng Ty, a survivor of the 1970s Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia, explained how he, as a 7-year old boy, lost his home, his family, and his world. He survived the "Killing Fields" and then life alone on the streets to eventually come to the US in 1982. (Photos by Bruce Hilliard.com)

things would settle down.

Mary Recko, Catholic Survivor of Nazi Camps

Mary Recko told her story in an interview format with Library Director Stewart. Recko's nightmares began in Poland in 1944. "I was not even five at the time," Recko said. "The Germans had invaded Poland, and then the Russians." Fighting began moving into her home in Warsaw.

"People were always living in fear," she told the audience. "You couldn't go on the streets; you needed IDs." (Much of Recko's story is recalled through her mother's words, who herself survived.)

She told of her mother working in a hospital and sneaking food home to them under her clothes. Recko's father was a railroad worker. They were barely surviving during this first part of the war.

But in 1944 there was an uprising in Warsaw as the Polish people tried to take their country back. It failed. In the aftermath, Recko was taken from her home with her parents and one sister. Her older sister was not at home, and they were not able to get to her. Recko would not see her again until 1965. "Germans marched us through the streets," she says. "They took anything of value from us... earrings off of the women, even shoes."

They were marched into a field where she lived in fear for seven days. The soldiers raped and killed those around her. Her parents would sleep on their teenage babysitter to

hide the young girl from the Nazis. Eventually they were transported by train to concentration camps, and the true terror began.

"Where we were going, we had no idea," she said. Then she solemnly spoke of trains stopping and how the Nazis pushed the men and older boys to one side, women, girls and young boys to the other. Her father was among those separated. "That was the last time I ever saw him." She would later learn he had been taken to a camp in Germany and had died there.

Stewart points out that Recko was a Catholic and not even Jewish. Recko responds, "They needed the power; they wanted to get us all out now; they didn't care who you were." Recko informed the group that three million Polish Roman Catholics died in the war.

The camps were hard labor camps and because of their locations, were often bombed by the allies. At night, the imprisoned people would run from the barracks to hide in ditches during the bombings. "These are the nightmares I have," Recko explained.

Recko is lucky to be alive for all the obvious reasons, however her survival is even more miraculous considering she, her mother, and her sister actually came before a firing squad at one point. The execution was stopped by a German officer. "It wasn't our time," she stated, explaining that there is some good in people everywhere.

Stewart asked "Where did you go after the liberation?" Recko answered that she spent five years in "displaced persons camps." They tried

to go home, but there was nothing to go home to. The struggle to find and rebuild a new life began.

"Life in the camps was a little bit normal," she explained. "There was one room, a bed and a little stove. It was mainly women and children. They had a school and were taught by a priest."

She told the audience that "through the US CARE packages, we survived." She laughed and the crowd chuckled with her as she talked about powdered eggs, powdered milk and peanut butter being her meals. "I don't eat eggs any more, I don't drink milk, and no peanut butter either," she said emphatically with a big grin.

Eventually the opportunity to come to the United States was presented and she, together with what was left of her family, immigrated. At first this was not an option. She explained, "The US at the time was not taking women and children. No father...no husband, so we weren't allowed." But that later changed (1949). The family was sponsored by a Catholic church in Lynn.

Recko made her voyage to the United States on a cargo boat. She was sick most of the time, but she recalls how people stayed up all night to see New York harbor and the Statue of Liberty. Upon arriving, her family made their way to Boston by train. Her mother would take on as many as three jobs at once to provide for the family. Her mother lived to be 90. "There was no way we should have made it," said Recko. But they did.

Questions and Answers

The crowd was given the chance to ask questions, and took full advantage. For the entire night, you could see intensity on the audience faces. There was sincere interest and deep respect.

Among the points made was the fact that these two people still suffer from the experiences. As Ty said, they have PTSD. Recko recalled the terror of watching the 9/11 terror attacks, and the overwhelming fears of separation from her family. Ty deals with it by staying very busy and active.

Seng and Recko also spoke of freedom here and hope for a world without violence. To a loud round of applause, the point was made not to take for granted what we have in America.

Ty said, "Genocide can happen anytime." Murmurs of agreement arose from the crowd including comments like "It's happening now." The speakers made direct references to ISIS, and Recko spoke briefly of attempted work by world organizations. In conclusion, Stewart said, "Maybe we need to have both of you at the United Nations." The resounding applause by the crowd showed their clear agreement.

Editor's note: Seng Ty graduated from UMASS Amherst and is currently working in the Lowell school system. He has written a book about his life, "The Years of Zero." Mary Recko also lives in Lowell where she serves as Staff Assistant of Environmental and Emergency Management at UMASS Lowell. She too has begun documenting her story.

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by Todd Brisbois

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Wilmington students graduate from college

Two local residents were among 504 seniors who graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, on May 22, receiving bachelor of arts degrees at the College's 195th Commencement. Internet pioneer and author Arianna Huffington was the guest speaker.

Alaina M. Coakley of Wilmington, Mass., attended Wilmington High School and

is the daughter of Christopher and Carol Coakley of Wilmington, Mass. Coakley majored in computer science.

Kristin N. Esdale of Wilmington, Mass., attended Wilmington High School and is the daughter of Robert and Jeanne Esdale of Wilmington, Mass. Esdale majored in chemistry.

Also, five Wilmington residents graduated from the

University of New Hampshire during the commencement ceremony held Saturday, May 21, 2016, in Durham, N.H. Students who received the honor of Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.7-4.0; students who received the honor of Magna Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.69; and students who received the honor of Cum Laude graduated with a

GPA of 3.2-3.49.

Justin Bleier earned a BM in BMus: Music Education Magna Cum Laude. Kayla Dankese earned a BS in Nutr:Dietetics Magna Cum Laude. Kyle Albanese earned a BS in Kin: Sport Studies. Lindsay Hydorn earned a BS in Bus Adm: Finance and Rebecca Russo earned a BA in English Cum Laude.

Former Tewksbury resident

Officer Tarentino Jr. laid to rest in Charlton

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CHARLTON - Slain police officer and Tewksbury-native Ronald Tarentino was laid to rest in Charlton this past weekend. Thousands gathered to pay their respects to the fallen officer, who was shot in the back and killed during a traffic stop.

Tarentino's assailant, Jorge Zambrano, was later killed in a firefight with state police.

Officers from across the country poured into St. Joseph Catholic Church to join Tarentino's friends, family, and co-workers in the Auburn police department in mourning his passing and celebration of his life.

"Police officers deserve so much more respect than they get. You guys do one of the hardest jobs in the world. People are so disrespectful," Spenser Tarentino, Ronald's 18-year old son said. "And I hope my dad did not go in vain and something good comes out of this in that people realize they need to start realizing and addressing police officers for everything that they do. I can't do anything but hope obviously something good comes out of this."

At times, it was painfully clear how fresh the wounds of grief still were on Tarentino's loved ones.

"Over the last week I have been asking myself over and over again if this was really happening. Why did this have to happen? Why was my brother punished for doing his job?" Ronald's sister Caitlin said.

The sense of loss has been

profound. After the funeral, a photograph by Steven King for Worcester Magazine went viral. The photograph shows a weeping young boy being embraced by a uniformed officer. It was later revealed that the child was actually the son of the comforting officer, and that the crying boy was begging his father to no longer be a police officer in the wake of Tarentino's murder.

"Daddy, please don't be a police officer anymore," the boy was heard to say.

But amidst that crushing grief, Andrew Sluckis, Auburn's Chief of Police, chose to memorialize the law enforcement officer who Sluckis said inspired all those around him to live up the highest of ideals.

"Ron was the consummate professional, truly a cop's cop and a person in need's knight in shining armor," Sluckis said. "Sadly his life was taken from us by a feckless coward with a gun. I pray that something positive will come from this tragedy. I think if Ron were here today he would say 'Do not allow my death to stand for nothing. Come together. Work together. Support one another and fix what is broken.'"

Tewksbury Police Officer Robert Bjorkgren urged people to follow in the footsteps of Tarentino and spread compassion to anyone who needed it. Bjorkgren recalled late night drives to Boston while Stone Temple Pilots played, and long phone calls discussing Tarentino's dream of becoming a police officer.

"He always saw the positive qualities in everyone and never had a bad thing to say about anyone," Bjorkgren. "He truly was a living saint..."

► Family members embrace after eulogizing Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr., of Leicester, Mass., during a funeral service at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton, Mass., Friday, May 27, 2016. Officer Tarentino, 42, died after being shot during a traffic stop Sunday, May 22.

(Christine Hochkeppel/Worcester Telegram & Gazette via AP, Pool)



▲ Pallbearers carry the casket of slain Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr., out of St. Joseph's Church, Friday, May 27, 2016, at his funeral in Charlton, Mass. Authorities said the 42-year-old Massachusetts police officer was shot dead during a weekend traffic stop.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

Ron always had everybody's back, on or off duty."

Tarentino's wife, Tricia, spoke to the press before the

funeral, thanking all those who rose up in a show of support and charity in the wake of this tragedy. Tricia Tarentino urged whoever might be listening to or reading her words to focus on the joy that her husband spread in his life, rather than the sorrow of his passing.

"The overwhelming generosity everyone has shown and considerate words, stories people have shared about the character they have seen in Ron and the fond memories were really uplifting," Tricia Tarentino said. "It's amazing to see how many lives he has touched and how each of you has shown and expressed your love for him."



▲ Tricia Tarentino, widow of slain Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr., touches her heart as she makes a statement to news media, Friday, May 27, 2016, at his funeral in Charlton, Mass. Authorities said the Massachusetts police officer was shot dead during a weekend traffic stop. At left is Auburn Police Chief Andrew Sluckis.

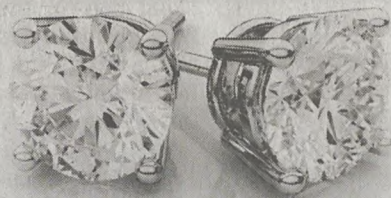
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▲ Police officers attend the funeral service for Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr., at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton, Mass., Friday, May 27, 2016. Officer Tarentino, 42, died after being shot during a traffic stop Sunday, May 22.

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OPINION

Letters to the editor

PMC Kids Ride Coordinators thank volunteers and sponsors

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, May 22nd, approximately 80 children from Wilmington and surrounding towns rode their bikes to raise money to fight cancer in the 11th annual Pan-Mass Challenge Wilmington-Andover Kids Bike Ride.

Over \$10,000 has been raised so far by this year's event, all of which will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund. We would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time or made donations in support of our event:

- Wilmington Police Department
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- Wilmington HS students
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- Sam Alatalo, DJ (Y2K)
- Paul Campbell
- Wilmington Cub Scout Pack 136
- Wilmington Trophy and Apparel
- Merrimack Valley Pavilion

Our event would not be the same without the support of the families and friends of the participants and organizers; we truly appreciate all that they have done to make the ride a success for the 11th year!

Sincerely,
Sue Hendee and
Sheila Salois, PMC
Wilmington-Andover
Kids Ride Coordinators.

Tewksbury's Waddill honored as the Community Service Award Recipient

Douglas (Doug) Waddill of Tewksbury was honored at The Professional Center for Child Development's annual Swing into Spring Gala as the 2016 Community Service Award Recipient.

In its 43-year-history, The Professional Center has had the privilege of partnering with many individuals who have given their time and talents in many ways.

Each year The Professional Center honors leaders in the community who have helped the Center, our staff, and the children and families we serve through their dedication and volunteerism.

Waddill has been Santa at the Professional Center for Child Development for 13 years.

His kind way and gentle spirit helps to make the Holiday Party at the Professional Center for Child Development a special and memorable experience for our families.

Over the past 13 years Waddill has listened intently to childhood requests for the exact right toy, he has comforted children and parents when a child would only sit and stare, and he has accommodated a family with a little one who was not sure if sitting on St. Nicholas' lap would be a fun thing to do. We estimate Waddill has made over 1,000 children come away from our Holiday Party with a little extra sparkle in their eye. At 6' 7", Waddill's Santa makes for quite a show!

He also volunteers in other ways at the PCCD,

and with his employer US Bank. At the PCCD Doug volunteers at our Trot for Special Tots 5K by coordinating the water stop and he sells raffle tickets at the our Annual Spring Gala. With US Bank's volunteer group, Waddill has participated in clean-up days at the Stone Zoo and on the Charles River. Doug also volunteers with Boston Children's as part of the Miles for Miracles Marathon Support Team for his stepson, Timothy.



Waddill lives in Tewksbury with his wife, Ellen and her son Timothy. Doug enjoys basketball, family, fishing, muscle cars and drag racing.

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Ristuccia Arena

(file photo)

Ristuccia Arena won't be the same without the Big Bad Bruins

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For over 20 years, the Boston Bruins have called Ristuccia Memorial Arena their practice facility home. But, they will soon be moving to a brand new practice facility that will be located just 20 minutes from the Garden.

Having a new practice facility in Boston will have its benefits, such as a shorter commute for the players and opportunities to expand the program. But, the Bruins will surely be missed in Wilmington.

I have attended several events at Ristuccia throughout my life. When I was around six years old, I begged my parents to sign me up for an ice skating class over the summer. So, while it was 90 degrees outside, my parents and I bundled up and headed to the cold arena. There, for eight



weeks, I took my lessons. Unfortunately, they were not what they cracked up to be, and I actually hated going to them. I can only recall bad memories from that experience.

It was years later, when I was in high school, when I went back to Ristuccia again. This time it was for hockey games. I saw several Tewksbury-Wilmington hockey games at the arena. I have fond memories of sitting in the fan section cheering on my team.

I have also attended some

younger kids' games at Ristuccia more recently. I have always enjoyed going to watch my young family friends' play hockey games there. It is a convenient location for me to watch, but also, the small size makes for enjoyable games.

But, my favorite experience at Ristuccia by far was when I went to watch the Bruins practice. For as long as I can remember, I have always been a fan of hockey. I started watching games with my grandfather when I was young, and my love for the sport (and the Bruins) only grew from that. If I am home, you can bet that I am most likely watching the game on TV with my dad. If I am at school, I can always count on my dad to text me score updates if I am unable to watch the game. So, it only seemed fitting that I would go watch them practice. I'm not sure why it took me until my sopho-

more year of college to actually attend one of the practices though.

I went with one of my friend's from college who lives in the area and is also a huge Bruins fan. I think what made the experience even cooler for me was the fact that I had attended my very first Bruins game the night before and saw them win. So, seeing them practice coming off of that win was great.

Since Ristuccia is a small arena, I felt like I was up close and personal to all the players while they were on the ice. I was just mere feet away from players like Zdeno Chara, and I really couldn't hide my excitement. It was a great opportunity that I am so glad I was able to enjoy.

I wish nothing but the best for the Bruins at their new practice facility, and I look forward to continuing enjoying events at Ristuccia for years to come.

Crackdown on texting while driving

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WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - If you text and drive and think no one is looking, think again. Since legislation pushed forth the Safe Driving Law which bans texting while driving and all handheld electronic devices by junior operators, the number of drivers in Massachusetts ticketed for texting while driving is steadily on the increase.

State and local police wrote 6,131 tickets for the offense last year, up sharply from 1,153 tickets in 2011, the first full year the ban was in place.

The Safe Driving Law became effective on September 30, 2010 after concerns were raised about fatal crashes involving people who were distracted by mobile devices while behind the wheel.

Among other provisions, the primary law bans sending, typing or reading electronic messages to or from handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle including internet and text messaging.

Good thing, because according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distraction-related crashes killed 3,179 people and injured an estimated 431,000 in 2014, the most recent year for which data became available.

Recently, the Boston Globe reviewed data from the state Transportation Department on 18,383 tickets issued for texting while driving from the year the practice became illegal in 2010 to mid-April of this year.

The data showed that people 40 and under received more than three-quarters of the tickets written with 56.4 percent issued to men however NHTSA, in annual observation surveys, has consistently found female drivers texting behind the wheel more often than males.

The theory is that men end

up with more tickets overall, because they tend to drive more miles per year than women, according to specialists.

Interestingly, April, declared Distracted Driving Awareness Month by Governor Charlie Baker, appears to be the most common month for ticketing according to the review.

In April of this year, State Police alone issued more than 2,200 tickets, apparently as a result of stepped up enforcement of Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"April is when Massachusetts has, for the last couple of years, conducted a Distracted Driving enforcement mobilization with state and local police," according to Jeff Larason, Massachusetts Director of Highway Safety.

Larason said that while not every city and town across Massachusetts has participated, many (about 140 to 150) have, causing a spike in ticketing during that month. It is expected that this rise in ticketing will significantly increase the 2016 numbers.

The culprit here is clear. Heavy use of social media has brought about a new addiction of sorts.

According to data, younger drivers (drivers in their twenties), represent 23 percent of drivers in all fatal crashes, but account for 38 percent of the drivers who were found to be using cell phones in fatal crashes.

While younger people are typically categorized as heavy users of social media, the problem doesn't stop there. Distracted driving fatalities in Massachusetts are highest among adults age 45-64 and 75 and older. From 2014 - 2015, pedestrian fatalities have increased 26%. Nationally one out of ten drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes, according to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

"As a culture, we are more

and more 'addicted' to staying in touch at all times," said Kara Macek, a spokeswoman for the Governors Highway Safety Association, according to the Globe report.

In Massachusetts, from 2010 to 2013, 184 people died in crashes that were caused by distracted driving, according to state officials.

The push to make the ban a primary law includes a ban on all cell phone use (handheld and hands-free) for bus drivers, a ban on texting for drivers of all ages, and a ban on all cell phone use (handheld and hands-free) for novice drivers (defined as those under the age of 18 with a learner's permit or provisional license).

Operators under the age of 18 cannot use any mobile electronic device for any reason while operating a motor vehicle and if caught in violation of the rule, can have their license suspended in

addition to fines. The only exception is for reporting an emergency.

Violation penalties for a first offense includes a \$100 fine, 60-day license suspension, and a required attitudinal retraining course, a second offense includes a \$250 fine, 180-day license suspension, and a third or subsequent offense includes a \$500 fine, and a one year license suspension.

"Distracted driving is fast becoming one of the leading causes of injury and death on the state's roads," said Larason, "By using data, local and State police will be able to pinpoint where these crashes are occurring and focus their patrols in those areas."

"Distracted drivers put their passengers, other motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists in danger: the destruction they cause is preventable; these are crashes, not accidents," added Larason.

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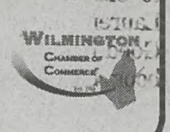
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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Encryption: Apple versus the FBI, June 8

Library Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding support for library programs!

Writing Group*RR

Saturday, June 4, 9:15 am - 11:15 am
If you love to write and seek feedback, then join our writing group. Please bring up to five pages of written work to the meeting. Open to all genres and levels. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Encryption in the 21st Century *RR

Wednesday, June 8, 7 pm
The recent clash between Apple and the FBI over encryption provides an excellent opportunity to discuss encryption and decide how

much we value our personal privacy versus the needs of law enforcement. This program will be presented by Keith West, who moderates foreign and domestic policy discussion series at Wilmington Memorial Library.

Author Talk: Ted Reinstein *RR

Thursday, June 9, 7 pm
Ted Reinstein, a reporter for "Chronicle" and author, brings to life many of the famous fights, spats, and arguments that have, in many ways, shaped New England itself in his new book *Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds*. From sports to politics, food to finance, aviation to engineering, to bitter disputes over simple boundaries themselves, New England's feuds have peppered the region's life for centuries.

Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11 from 8 am - 2 pm
Shop and save! The library will provide a map of yard sale locations starting June 8. An online map is available on the library's website and

paper copies will be available at the library, Town Hall, Elia's Country Store, Eastgate Liquors, and the Market Basket courtesy counter.

There's still time to sign up to sell! For those wishing to hold a yard sale at their home the application fee is \$15 (deadline is Sat., June 4). Applications are available at the locations listed above and online.

Kids Events

Wilmington Community Playgroup *RR
Monday, June 6, 9:30 am
Drop in for a fun playgroup led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

Baby Times *RR

Saturday, June 11, 9:30 am
Infants through 24 months
This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

Dads and Donuts *RR

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 am
Dads and their kids ages 2 and up are invited to drop in

for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults.

Library News

Library Closed Friday Morning June 10

The library will be closed Friday June 10 from 9 am to 1 pm for staff training. The library will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Art Exhibit

Children of the World paintings by artist Jane Booras are currently on display in the Wilmington Memorial Library's large meeting room.

Museum Passes

Take advantage of discount museum passes available at the library. To reserve a pass, just click museum passes at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org.

Telescopes

The library has two Orion Starblast telescopes available to borrow. With warm nights, now is the time to get outside and check out the stars.



Recorder showcase at Shawsheen concert

Seamus McNally played in the recorder showcase "The Recorder Karate Dojo" during the third grade patriotic concert held on May 26th at the Shawsheen Elementary School.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Wilmington Memorial Library Off the Shelf Summer Author Series

Ted Reinstein will kick off Wilmington Memorial Library's fourth annual Summer Author Series on Thursday, June 9th at 7pm.

Reinstein is best known as a reporter for WCVB-TV, Channel 5's "Chronicle," the nation's longest running locally-produced nightly newsmagazine, since 1995. He is the author of *A New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories*, and his most recent title, *Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds* which covers sports feuds, family feuds, restaurant feuds and more.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about the dispute between Concord and Lexington on where the Revolutionary War began and the ongoing Red Sox vs. Yankees rivalry!

Dan Shaughnessy, a member of the Globe staff since 1981, has been named Massachusetts Sportswriter of the Year eleven times and nine times has been voted one of America's top ten sports columnists by AP Sports Editors. He has written twelve books, including *New York Times* bestseller *Francona, The Curse of the Bambino*, and *Senior Year*,



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and appears on numerous radio and television shows. Dan will talk about the Boston sports scene on June 23rd.

Novelist Jay Atkinson will be speaking July 14th about his newest book, *Massacre on the Merrimack*, which details the account of Hannah Duston who in 1697 was captured along with eleven others from the village of Haverhill, in an Abenaki raid. He is the author of several other books including *Ice Time* and *Legends of Winter Hill*.

Ann Leary, author of *The Good House*, *Outtakes from a Marriage*, and the memoir *An Innocent, A Broad*, will discuss her newest book, *The Children on July 28th*. *The Children* is a fast-paced story of a wealthy, but unconventional New England family told from



ROWLEY

the perspective of a reclusive 29-year-old who leads a secret and famous life on the internet.

Michelle Hoover, author of *The Quickening*, and her latest book, *Bottomland* will be speaking on August 4th. Michelle is the Fannie Hurst Writer-in-Residence at Brandeis University and leads the Grubstreet Novel Incubator program, a competitive and MFA-level course in novel writing.

The authors books will be on display and available for checkout at the library. All of the author events begin at 7 pm with signings and book sales following the talks. Please register online at wilmingtonlibrary.org or call the main desk at 978-694-2099.

Written by Kim Rowley
Adult Services Librarian.

Authors Pearson and Zuckoff will visit Tewksbury Library on June 6-7

Author Lisa Pearson will discuss her new book, "Arnold Arboretum" on Monday, June 6 at 7 pm. Pearson will share a beautiful multimedia presentation of the Arboretum with the audience.

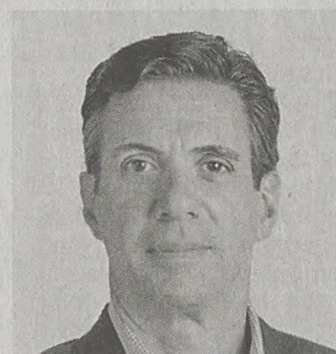
Founded as a partnership between the City of Boston and Harvard University, the Arnold Arboretum is a unique blend of a respected research institution and beloved public park in Boston's Emerald Necklace. Occupying 281 acres, its living collection of trees, shrubs, and woody vines is recognized as one of the most comprehensive and best documented of its kind in the world.

Its lilac collection is a springtime favorite of visitors, along with the magnificent rhododendrons, and in the fall, trees from maples to dawn redwoods provide a wonderful display of color.

The living collection is supported by curatorial documentation, an herbarium, library and archival holdings, and a state-of-the-art research center. These facilities and holdings provide the basis for research and education of visitors, students, and scholars from around the world.

Lisa Pearson is the head of the Arnold Arboretum Horticultural Library and Archives. She curates a collection of thousands of historical images of the arboreums landscape, activities, and plant collections, from the late 19th century to the present.

Adults and teens from



ZUCKOFF

Tewksbury and beyond are invited to attend this free hour-long event. A Q&A and book selling and signing - for those interested - will take place after the presentation.

Also, New York Times best-selling author Mitchell Zuckoff will discuss his best-selling book, "13 Hours: The Inside Account Of What Really Happened In Benghazi" on Tuesday, June 7 at 7pm. The library will also be screening the new film, "13 Hours," based on Zuckoff's book on Saturday, June 11 at 8:30pm.

"13 Hours" presents the true account of the events of September 11, 2012, when terrorists attacked the U.S. State Department Special Mission Compound and a nearby CIA station called the Annex in Benghazi, Libya. A team of six American security operators fought to repel the attackers and protect the Americans stationed there.

Those men went beyond the call of duty, performing extraordinary acts of courage and heroism, to avert tragedy on a much larger scale. This is their

personal account, never before told, of what happened during the thirteen hours of that now-infamous attack.

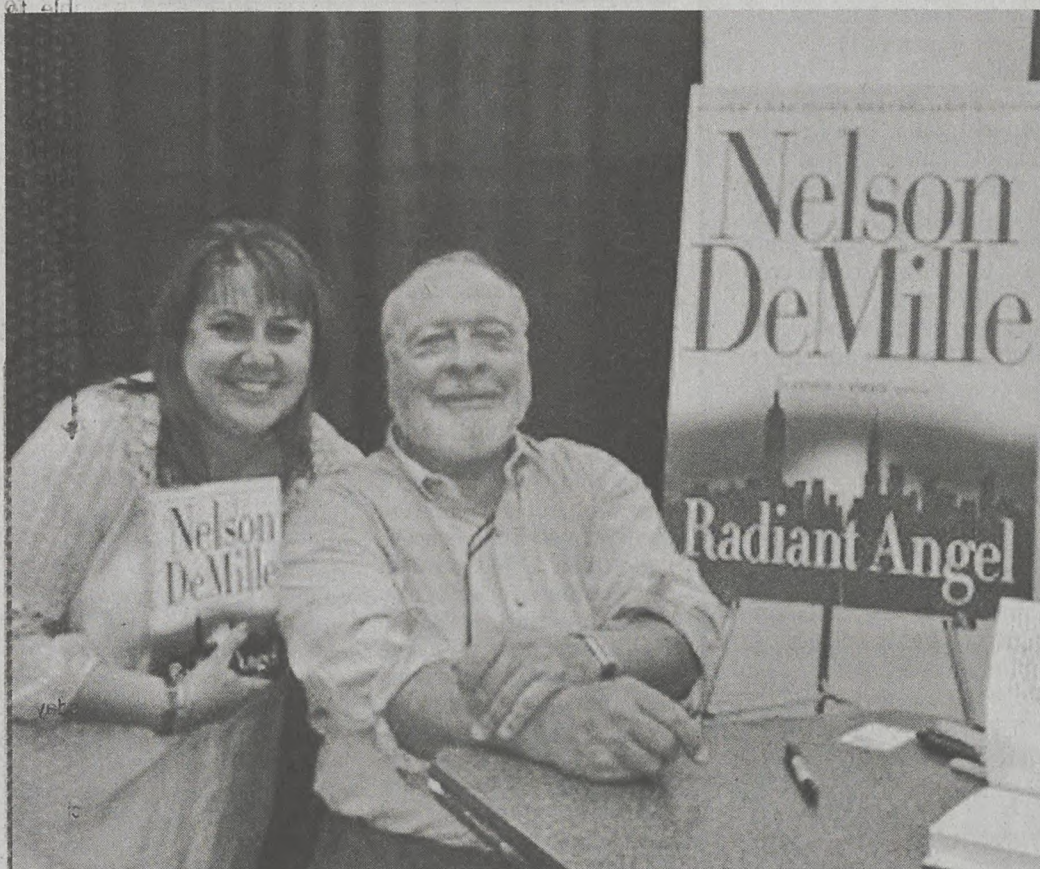
Mitchell Zuckoff is the author of seven books and a professor of journalism at Boston University. Zuckoff spent two decades as a reporter, much of that time with The Boston Globe, where he was an investigative reporter and roving national correspondent. His work has also appeared in The New Yorker, Fortune, and other major magazines.

He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting, and won the Distinguished Writing Award from the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Livingston Award. He lives outside Boston with his family.

Adults from Tewksbury and beyond are invited to attend this free hour-long event. A Q&A and book selling and signing - for those interested - will take place after the presentation.

Due to limited space, attendees are asked to pre-register and reserve their seats for both events by calling 978-640-4490x205, emailing rhayes@mvlc.org, or by visiting the library's online calendar of events at www.tewksburypl.org.

The event will take place in the library's first-floor, handicap-accessible Meeting Room. The library is located at 300 Chandler Street, at the corner of Chandler and Main Street (Route 38).



Good Book Fairy Lauren Margolin with author Nelson DeMille.

(courtesy photo)

June episode of Book Stew to air on WCTV

In the June episode of Book Stew, Host/Producer Eileen MacDougall travels all the way to Chicago via Skype to meet Lauren Margolin, a/k/a "The Good Book Fairy". Lauren is a book blogger who makes her

living on line, at goodbookfairy.com, reviewing and recommending books. Sounds ideal, doesn't it? Turns out that it's quite a bit of work - but there are benefits! Find out by watching the new episode on

WCTV on Mondays at 5 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm, Thursdays at 7 am and 7 pm, and Saturdays at 2 pm. To watch online, a link to the June program can be found at <http://www.wctv.org/Book-Stew>.

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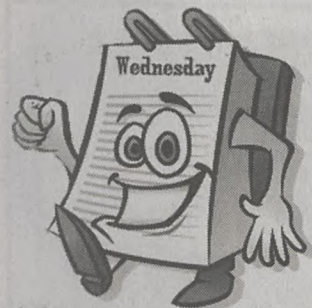
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Fishing Derby to be held in Wilmington; Tennis Open going on in Tewksbury

Wilmington:

Families Anonymous
Every Thursday at 7 p.m.
United Methodist Church
Families Anonymous is a worldwide 12-step recovery program. Families Anonymous is a support program for people whose lives are affected by the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. No dues or fees are required for membership. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. Advanced notice is not necessary to attend a meeting. Visitors are welcome. For information or questions about this meeting, call 978-973-5645 or 978-408-1646 or email fa_wilmington@hotmail.com. For information about the Families Anonymous program, please visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

Access is Mandatory (AIM)
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus

Make Tuesday extra special. AIM is a great chance to meet new friends and reacquaint with old friends. Spend the day playing games or just talking to people from different communities. A hot lunch is served at noon. There is no fee and the Knights of Columbus is handicap accessible.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Third Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Ave.
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent

community service events and several leadership positions to fill. Dues are \$10 per person. Email wilmingtonjr-soi@aol.com to apply.

Boy Scout Troop 136
Boy Scout Troop 136 meets every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Friendship Lodge Mason Hall next to Rotary Park, 32 Church Street. Parents and boys, please feel free to drop in to see what Boy Scouts is all about. We are looking for new and current Boy Scouts. For info, contact Karen and Frank West at 978-658-1754 or e-mail at: troop136wilm@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus Team Trivia
Friday, June 3 from 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Team Trivia is open to anyone 21+ in the Smoke-Free Members' Lounge. Bring snacks and friends. Teams can range from 1-6 players and there is never a fee. 1st and 2nd prizes are awarded nightly.

Fishing Derby
Saturday, June 4
The Wilmington Recreation Department is sponsoring the 34th Annual Fishing Derby at Silver Lake on Saturday, June 4. This multi-generational event for youth and non-professional adults began in 1983. The Derby allows the Town to showcase its finest natural resource while participants have a chance to learn or improve their fishing skills. The Derby will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Town Beach. Participants must register in the Bath House. Prizes will be awarded for the Heaviest Bass and Heaviest Non-Bass in both age groups. The cost to participate in the Derby is \$4 for those ages 18 and over and \$2 for anyone age 17 and

under. Bait will be available for purchase. There will be shore fishing only; no boats. No fishing license is required for this event only. Rain date is Sunday, June 5. The Recreation Department would like to thank Jim Buckley and the volunteers who make this event possible. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Recreation Department at 978-658-4270.

Pilates for Mental Health
June 11 at 9:30 a.m.
Wilmington Dance Academy, 335 Main Street

The class will be at Wilmington Dance Academy at 335 Main Street on June 11 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a \$10 donation. All proceeds will benefit the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester. There will be two Avon door prizes, as well as some free fitness class giveaways.

Lite up the Night for Mental Health
The race date for this run/walk 5k is Thursday, June 23. For more information, visit runformentalhealth.org.

WHS Class of 1966 plans a 50th Reunion
Saturday, September 17 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, 777 South Street in Tewksbury
Save the date, the WHS Class of 1966 is planning a 50th reunion. For more information, contact Donna (Cuoco) Taylor at dtaylor43@comcast.net or 617-462-5660 or Michele (Caira) Nortonen at mnortonen@gmail.com or 978-658-8284. The reunion is open to other classmates of mid-1960's classes. For updates, visit Wilmington High School Class of 1966 on Facebook and/or I'm Lucky - I grew up in Wilmington.

Tewksbury:

Tewksbury's Annual Bike Safety Rodeo
Sunday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant Street
The Bike Safety Rodeo features bike safety checks, a DJ, dancing, and helmet decorating. This year there will also be a Wellness Fair with many resources for the community. All ages are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Tewksbury Police Department with collaboration from the Tewksbury Health Department. For more information or to get involved, please sign up with the Signup Genius at signupgenius.com/go/10c084aacae22a0fe3-tewksbury6th or contact Community Service Officer Jennie Welch 978-851-7373, EXT 230.

Friends of Tewksbury Tennis Tewksbury Open
June 23 through 26

The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis will be holding the 6th Annual Tewksbury Open at the Tewksbury Memorial High School courts. Register to play singles (youth, men's, women's) or doubles (mixed, men's, women's) for \$25 per player per event. Register by June 10 for a discounted fee of \$20 per player per event. The registration form can be found at cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/09/34/7898/files/Tewksbury_Open_ENTRY_FORM_2016-V2.pdf?15640165776605958927. Look for registration forms posted at Tewksbury Sports Club and at many local courts. The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis is also seeking sponsors for the event. More information and application are available on their Facebook page or by contacting friendsofnewtewksburytennis@gmail.com.

Merrimack Valley Chorus looking for new members; area Boys & Girls Clubs offer summer programs

Lowell:

Colin Hay of "Men at Work"
Saturday, July 16
Colin Hay will be performing as part of the Lowell Summer Music Series. Tickets are available at MKtix.com/lsm. Tickets cost \$37 in advance or \$137 premium seats. For more Lowell Summer Music Series announcements, follow the LSMS Facebook page at [facebook.com/LowellSummerMusic](https://www.facebook.com/LowellSummerMusic) or visit LowellSummerMusic.org.

Merrimack Valley:

Merrimack Valley Chorus Membership Drive
June 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Wilmington Arts Council, Route 62 in Wilmington
Merrimack Valley Chorus, an all women a cappella chorus with 45 members, is calling all women singers for their membership drive. They sing four part harmony. The Merrimack Valley Chorus practices every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Arts Council, which is on Route 62 in Wilmington. Learn a song and perform with the chorus on Sunday, June 26 at the Wilmington Farmer's Market. For more information, visit the Merrimack Valley Chorus on Facebook or email them at info@merrimackvalleychorus.groupanizer.com.

Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's Annual Statewide Against the Tide Events
The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) will be holding its annual, statewide Against the Tide swim, kayak, walk, and/or run fundraising events again in 2016. The morn-

ing events consist of several components: competitive and recreational swims, recreational kayak, recreational walk, and USA Track & Field certified 5K/10K competitive and recreational runs. Participants of all ages and abilities can choose 1, 2, or 3 of these exciting activities. The event also offers an Aquathon "Splash and Dash" component, where participants "splash" in the competitive 1-mile swim and immediately "dash" in the competitive 5K or 10K run (chosen by the participant). Participants may register as an individual or as part of a team. Registration is \$40 per adult per event activity and \$25 per student per event activity. The aquathon is \$80 for non-students and \$50 for students. All participants are encouraged to fundraise beyond these suggested minimums, as all proceeds support the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition. Prizes will be awarded to the podium finishers and top fundraisers. The statewide Metro-Boston Against the Tide will be held for the 24th year at DCR's Hopkinton State Park on Saturday, June 18, 2016. The statewide Cape Cod Against the Tide will be held for the 17th year at DCR's Nickerson State Park on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Both statewide events start at 7:00 a.m. and end at noon. Please visit mbcc.org/swim or call 617-376-6222 for more information and to register.

Salem:

North Shore Jazz Project merges with Salem Jazz and Soul Festival
Two North Shore music non-profits with similar missions

have merged. The Salem Jazz and Soul Festival and North Shore Jazz Project filed merger paperwork with Massachusetts' Attorney General in late 2015 and will retain the name Salem Jazz and Soul Festival. The band, made up of some of the best young jazz musicians on the North Shore, will retain its concert schedule with SJSF. According to Larry Clafin Jr., SJSF's co-founder and executive director, merging these two non-profits has been a goal for a couple years. The Salem Jazz and Soul Festival was founded in 2007 and will celebrate its 10th season this summer. With a mission of producing free concerts and supporting music-education causes on the North Shore, the festival puts on eight free concerts a year, culminating in a two-day festival at the Salem Willows, featuring 10 bands, music-education and family tents, artisan vendors and beer pavilion. The 2016 Salem Jazz and Soul Festival will take place August 20-21. For more information about Salem Jazz and Soul or to audition for the 2016 NSJP All Stars please visit salemjazzsoul.org.

Stoneham:

Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp
June 20 through September 2
15 Dale Court
The Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham is offering several summer camp and sports camp opportunities for children ages 5 through 14. Each of the eleven weeks will have a different theme. Go to bgstoneham.org to register or to find out more.

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Boys & Girls Club Community Programs
May 2 through June 17
Lil' Tykes - ages 21-36 months
Kids - ages 3-6
Youths - ages 7-12
Teens - ages 13-18
Adults - ages 19+

The Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham and Wakefield has fun programs like messy art, a sports sampler, lacrosse, T-ball, volleyball, basketball, parents groups, and more! Go to files.ctctedn.com/71a28f42201/82edec51-4d3b-4337-9360-2678c79ebdb9.pdf to find out more and register.

Boys & Girls Club Hall Memorial Pool
For employment opportunities, go to bgstonehamwakefield.wufoo.com/forms/z1pa-xhas1uysgur/.
To get a season pass for the summer, go to bgstonehamwakefield.wufoo.com/forms/zy46f791983n3f/.
To schedule swim lessons, go to bgstonehamwakefield.wufoo.com/forms/z13u700g1lxnm7/.

Wakefield:

Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp
June 20 through September 2
Americal, 267 Main Street
The Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham is offering several summer camp and sports camp opportunities for children in grades 1 through 8. Each of the eleven weeks will have a different theme. Go to tobgstoneham.org to register or to find out more.

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Solution to Today's puzzle

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Today's CROSSWORD

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1 Felt (about)	35 Musician's stint
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8 Boggy wasteland	37 Slalom run
12 Passport datum	38 Lurch
13 Arm bone	39 "Frozen" character
14 Facts	40 Take to court
15 On the boil	41 Half of zwel
17 Tassel	43 Jotted down
18 Cloys	46 Russian export
19 James	50 Took the trolley
20 PBS funder	51 Hoard
22 2013 Spike Jonze film	54 Essay byline
23 Personal history	55 Philosopher David
26 Growing medium	56 Unseal, poetically
28 London VIP	57 Lack
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34 Estuary	

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Phillip Alder

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Cut communications to black them out

Joseph Priestley, an English theologian and chemist with a claim to the discovery of oxygen, said, "The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate."

How wrong that has proved to be. Our methods of communication are better than ever, and people communicate — in particular by e-mail and text — more than ever before. I also see people talking on their phones while exercising, which I find bizarre; perhaps it is a factor of age. Communication also occurs everywhere in bridge — between partners during the auction, between defenders' hands. How is communication important in this deal? South is in four hearts, and West leads the spade 10.

East made a pre-emptive raise to four diamonds to show five-card support (bid to the 10-trick level with a 10-card fit) but limited high-card values. (With at least game-invitational strength, East would have cue-bid three hearts.) When this deal was originally played, South took

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♦ 7 6		
♣ A 10 3		
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♥ A K 4		♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A Q J 8 3		♦ K 10 9 5 4
♣ 9 7 6		♣ 8 5 4 2
South		
♠ A K J		
♥ Q J 10 7 6 3		
♦ 2		
♣ K Q J		
Dealer: South		
Vulnerable: Both		
South		West
1♥		2♣
4♥		Pass
2♥		Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 10		

the first trick in his hand and led the heart three. However, West wasn't caught napping; he won with the king (East signaled with the diamond 10) and played his second spade. When West took the second round of trumps, he led a low diamond to his partner's king and received a spade ruff to defeat the contract.

Yes, the 3-0 heart break was unlucky, but since the spade nine was in the dummy, the opening lead had to be a singleton or high from a doubleton. At trick two, South should have led his diamond to cut the defenders' communications in that suit.

This is called a scissors coup.

'Lending a hand' takes on new meaning



◀ Cub Scout Pack 136 presented Frankie Grieco with a prosthetic hand on Tuesday evening at Villa Nova Hall.
(All photos by Maureen Brady)

▼ Frankie Grieco of Cub Scout Pack 136 received the gift of a prosthetic hand from his troop during Tuesday's meeting. His prosthetic hand resembles a shark, because he is hoping to be a marine biologist someday.

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WILMINGTON — On Tuesday night, a small army of 13 rambunctious eight and nine-year-old Cub Scouts descended upon the Villanova Room at St. Thomas's Catholic Church in Wilmington to show off their capstone project.

Clad in their navy blue uniforms and decorated with baby blue and navy striped neckerchiefs standard of their rank, they buzzed around excitedly as they waited for the ceremony to begin. Parents cautioned them not to run inside, lest they jostle the table where four brightly colored prosthetic hands rested.

Like something out of an Iron Man comic, the hands were 3-D printed with help from e-NABLE, a Seattle-based company founded in 2013 which offers patterns for upper limb prosthetics free of charge along with detailed tutorials. Including additional assembly materials, e-NABLE reports that the cost of a printed prosthetic is "approximately \$50 compared to traditional devices priced in the thousands of dollars."

The boys raised money through a fundraiser with the 99 Restaurant, a lesson in giving and economics. The 3-D printer came with help from Barbara Raab of the Wilmington Memorial Library, who supplied the machine. The pack was then able to fashion prosthetic hands for kids in need.

The prosthetics vary in size to suit different ages and will be delivered to children in Haiti who were born missing hands. Although the boys don't know who exactly their creations will end up belonging to, they know first hand how important the devices are from one of their own.

By all accounts, Frankie Grieco is a typical third grade boy. He loves to play tag with his friends, he's an active Cub Scout and he relishes the thought of crushing a stink bug. Minus one right hand, he's brought something unique to Pack 136.

"We moved here two years ago and joined the Cub Scouts," said Rachel Grieco, Frankie's mother.

Like the children in Haiti who his pack built prosthetics for, Frankie was born without one of his hands - a condition which affects only 21 in 10,000 births, according to the National Institute of Health. Despite his difference, they were met with few questions when Frankie joined the group.

"They just accepted him and respected him," said Mom.

Outside in the early summer heat, Frankie and the other boys pushed each other and ran around in a game they call 'Zombies.' None of his fellow scouts treated Frankie delicately, though they recognized that he was the star of that night's show. Along with the four hands they built, Frankie would receive his own specially-



▲ Brady McLaughlin, James Stuart and the boys of Pack 136 spent the last two weeks making 5 prosthetic hands. Four of the hands will be sent to Haiti while the 5th was presented to Frankie Grieco, a scout in their troop during Tuesday's meeting.

made prosthetic from the pack.

"Kids that are born different sometimes don't feel good," Frankie's mother said. "So this kind of attention is really positive for him."

The idea for the project was inspired by Frankie, but happily supported by the Boy Scouts of America's guide for completing the Bear Scout level of the program. Six activities, such as learning how to use a pocketknife and learning to identify local wildlife are compulsory, as well as completing at least one elective activity.

"One of the electives this year was to learn how robots work and build a robotic hand," said Fundraising Chair Stephanie Almeda. "We burst into tears, 'Oh my God, this is for our group!'" By completing the activity, the boys will be able to advance to the Webelos level, two steps below becoming a fully fledged Boy Scout.

"Parents hope the project will help the boys understand the fun in the act of giving, which embodies the first point of the Scout Oath, 'to help other people at all times.'"

Just before 6:00 p.m., the den leaders called the boys into a circle, holding up two fingers as a sign to be quiet. As the giggles died down, Cubmaster Jenn Erickson asked the boys, "How are we going to touch Frankie's hand?" One boy piped up, "Softly!"

"You guys paid it forward by making this hands for other kids," Erickson said. "Now you're going to give Frankie his hand."

Lined up shoulder-to-shoulder, Frankie stood at the end of a queue of friends who had toiled to give back to kids like him. He stared down the row as he watched the grey plastic prosthetic pass from hand to hand, silent as they inspected and marveled it. One boy held the hand up to his face, perhaps giving it a blessing by way of a kiss or sniffing to get one last whiff of the melted plastic. Frankie beamed as it reached him, slipping it on his arm. A row of white triangles between the thumb and index finger made teeth and a sleek plastic fin on the side made his

new hand a shark.

The crowd of his peers broke the line and surrounded him, cheering wildly, some screaming at the top of their lungs in an unofficial competition to be the happiest for their friend.

"Can you ride your bike with it?" Asked one scout. Frankie nodded his head wildly.

"How does it feel?" Asked another.

"It feels awesome," Frankie said, in the truest sense of the word. "It feels amazing."

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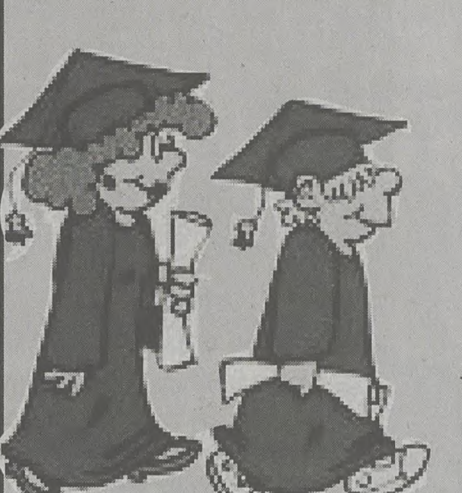
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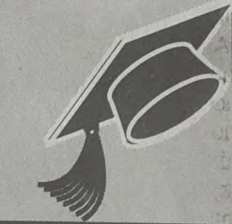
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NMYO offers eight ensembles including two beginning string ensembles - Prelude and Overture; two full orchestras - Intermezzo and Symphony; a Wind Ensemble for all levels of winds, brass, and percussion; and three levels of Flute Choirs. Small chamber music ensembles are also offered as part of the symphony program to challenge the more advanced players. NMYO ensembles

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Several Wilmington students named to Dean's List

Assumption College has announced that 561 students were named to the College's undergraduate Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice every academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

Local students named to the Dean's List include:

Melanie Flaherty, a member of the Class of 2016; Patrick Giroux, a member of the Class of 2016; Sarah Johansson, a member of the Class of 2016; Lucas Garrity, a member of the Class of 2019; Joseph Giroux, a member of the Class of 2017; Nicole Potner, a member of the Class of 2018 and Jacqueline Ryan, a member of the Class of 2019.

Also, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Caroline Johnston of Wilmington, Mass., a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathe-

matical sciences, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2016 semester.

A total of 1,292 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's spring 2016 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Handful of Tewksbury college students honored for making the Dean's List

The following Tewksbury residents were among 1,292 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2016 semester.

Matthew Araujo, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in biology and biotechnology. Brittney Pachucki, is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in biomedical engineering. Arianna Smith, is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in chemical engineering. Toni Joy, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences and industrial engineering.

Eva Barinelli, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in robotics engineering.

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Local students named to the Dean's List include Allison Giles, a member of the Class of 2018 and Morgan Hakala, a member of the Class of 2017. Hakala is currently an intern here at the Town Crier.

Finally, Dean College is pleased to announce that Michele Sessa from Tewksbury has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester.

St. Baldrick's fundraising event set for June 11

The Wilmington Firefighters Local 1370 have teamed up with the Red Heat Tavern for the past three years to raise over \$45,000 for St. Baldrick's and over \$5,000 for the Children's Hospital 6th Floor Resource Room.

St. Baldrick's is an organization that raises money for grants for childhood cancer research. Most of the money is raised by volunteers getting donations to have their head shaved (also a show of solidarity for the children going through cancer treatments).

This year's event will be held on June 11th from 1:55 pm at the Red Heat Tavern in Wilmington.

There will be a representative from the Bone Marrow Registry there, as well as volunteer barbers (Darlene Mauriello, Lauren Elliot, Scott Pelletier, and Lisa Boule of The Hair Cuttery), and photographer Lyn Denver. There will be silent auction items which include autographed sports memorabilia, concert tickets, and signed sticks donated by the Boston Bruins.

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OBITUARIES

William J. Minks Veteran of the US Navy

Mr. William J. Minks, of New Port Richey, FL formerly of Reading and Wilmington, passed away peacefully, May 26, 2016 in Florida following a short and unexpected period of declining health.

He was 86 years of age. William was the beloved husband of the late Beatrice A. (McLaughlin). Born in Pettigrew, Arkansas he was the only child of the late Andrew W. and Frona (Patrick) Minks.

William was raised in Pettigrew, AR and enlisted into the United States Navy and honorably served for seven years during the Korean War.

Following his return to civilian life he attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston where he studied engineering. He



worked for many years prior to his retirement as a sales engineer in the electronics and defense systems industry. In his leisure time he enjoyed traveling and also wrote his own autobiography which was published in the Library of Congress Veterans History. He also loved animals and especially his cat Lilly.

William is survived by his children; Brenda Keating

and her husband Paul of New Port Richey, FL, and Gary Minks and his wife Joanne of Hampton, NH. He was the loving grandfather of Andria Keating and Heather Keating both of Clearwater, FL. Loving companion of the late Shirley Boutin.

A funeral service will be conducted in the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 374 Main St., WILMINGTON, Thursday, June 2nd, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Services will conclude with military honors and burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in William's memory to the ASPCA at www.aspcanet.org. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net.

James Matthew Rooney Big fan of history, enjoyed basketball and fencing

James Matthew Rooney, age 12, of Wilmington, died accidentally, on May 27, 2016.

James was born on June 18, 2003 in Boston, MA; he was the cherished son of Dennis P. and Jacqueline (O'Hara) Rooney. James was raised in Wilmington and was a seventh grade student at the Wilmington Middle School.

James was a very bright kid; he was a wonderful math student and had a special interest in History, especially Military History. James was always willing to help others in the classroom, he was very friendly and funny according to his classmates.

James was very patriotic and loved to wear his camouflage uniform; he was very proud of his father Dennis and brother Steven's service to our Country and the Marine Corps.

James loved to go to the Reading YMCA on Friday nights where he would meet his friends to swim, play basketball or to workout. James also enjoyed Fencing.



James will be remembered as a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend. James always lit up a room with his great smile; he was a wonderful boy who will forever be missed by his family and friends.

James was the cherished son of Dennis P. and Jacqueline (O'Hara) Rooney, beloved brother of Dennis P. Rooney III, Cullen S. Rooney, and the late Lance Cpl. Steven M. West all of Wilmington. Loving grandson of Dennis and Yvette Rooney of Wilmington and Patricia O'Hara of Billerica. Dear nephew of James

and Caroline O'Hara of Boston and John O'Hara of Billerica. Cousin of Jack O'Hara of Haverhill. James is also survived by a large extended family of great aunts and uncles, cousins, as well as many friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, June 3rd at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, June 2nd from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that Memorial Contributions be made to Gina Johnson at Operation Home Ties, 350 Massachusetts Avenue #194, Arlington, MA 02474. Visit the website at www.Operation-HomeTies.com.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com



▲ Portrait artist Gina Johnson with Daniel, David, Victoria and Michael Ings in front of her traveling wall of fallen American Heroes on display at the 4th of July Center all day on Memorial Day. (Photo by Bruce Hilliard.com)

Operation Home Ties: A sight worth seeing

Operation: Home Ties is an ongoing volunteer mission by portrait artist, Gina Johnson and her brother Paul Roth honoring the memory of ALL our fallen servicemen and women, starting with those who have ties to Massachusetts and served since 9/11/01, by replacing each name with a detailed pencil Memory Portrait, presenting the original portrait to their family and sharing the images on a Traveling Tribute Wall called "Faces of Remembrance" as a grateful reminder that we remain land of the free because of our brave.

The project's inspiration came to Gina in December 2007, after seeing an online tribute to our Massachusetts Fallen Heroes. Accessing the links to photos and articles, Gina - a self proclaimed "volunteer-aholic" and mother of two - made a personal connection as she looked into each of their eyes and read the heartfelt message repeated by their parents saying that they did not want their son or daughter to be forgotten.

It was at that moment that she felt compelled to reach out using her artistic touch to pay it forward to each family by presenting them with a hand drawn memory portrait of their loved one as a gesture of support and healing.

While discussing her project with the owner of a popular Woburn restaurant in April

2008, Gina suggested the idea of possibly setting up her table easel one night a week to share the progress of the portraits with his customers. Without hesitation, Peter Mamakos agreed to join forces to make "The Restaurant" at 489 Main Street - home base for Operation: Home Ties where Gina can be found every Monday night from 5:30 to closing since their official kick-off date on May 5, 2008.

Accessing photos of the fallen heroes from either newspaper articles or directly from families to draw the memory portraits, Gina had completed 44 portraits just as the elections were taking place to elect our 44th President.

Thanks to an offer of help from her brother Paul, the suggestion was made and plans put into motion to display all the hometown heroes side by side for the first public exhibit of "Faces of Remembrance", which was held on January 30, 2009 at the Burlington American Legion Hall.

That night, State Senator Ken Donnelly, who was in attendance, resolved to bring this exhibit to the Massachusetts State House; a promise that he kept on June 10, 2009 when he co-hosted an event with Senate President Therese Murray.

Since that day, Gina and her brother have remained dedicated in their efforts to



Portrait artist Gina Johnson in front of her traveling wall of fallen American Hero's on display at the 4th of July Center all day Memorial Day. (Photo by Bruce Hilliard.com)

share the positive message of this memorial as a celebration of these hometown heroes' lives by bringing the Traveling Tribute portrait exhibit to towns and cities across Massachusetts.

For Gina, the eyes have always been the focus of her portraits, which she believes are the mirrors of the soul. And it is through the eyes of each memory portrait that Gina hopes to capture the attention of every person who views the exhibit so that these hometown heroes' names and images will be forever etched in their hearts and minds.

It is the wish of all involved in this heartfelt mission, that this tribute display continues to be a living memorial to

highlight and recognize not only the ultimate sacrifice made by these fallen heroes but also those men and women who are still serving, those that have served, those who continue to recover from related physical or emotional injuries...AND their families. They are all true American heroes.

Middle School reaches out to support students through unexpected loss

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
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WILMINGTON - The Wilmington school district was united in a moment of grief following the death of a seventh grader over the Memorial Day weekend.

In a letter to parents, Superintendent Mary DeLai summed up the feelings of shock and loss that have shaken the community following the news.

"Death can be difficult for us to understand, especially when it is sudden," DeLai wrote. "All of us will be feeling a variety of emotions: shock, sadness and confusion. What is most important is that we care for and support each other."

Grief counseling was offered to all students and faculty at the Middle School upon resumption of school on Tuesday.

"On Tuesday, we will begin our first steps towards healing as a school community," Middle School principal Amy Gerade wrote in her letter to parents. "We will take care of your children and allow them to process their grief in their own way. We will talk with them carefully and compassionately. After any tragedy, returning to a "normal" state is often times comforting for students therefore after addressing our students Tuesday morning, we will try to resume as normal of a day as possible while keeping a close eye on our students."

Both DeLai and Gerade cautioned that adolescence can be an incredibly fraught time to be dealing with all the complex emotions related to grief.

"Unfortunately, grieving adolescents are often left to fend for themselves or are offered support from counselors outside their community immediately after an event," Gerade wrote. "Such support may be unwelcome, particularly by adolescents."

Gerade stressed that the Middle School's focus would be on helping individual students work through their own personal needs and experiences.

"In recent years, we have moved away from looking at grief as a process of universal stages, understanding instead the very personal pathways people experience in their journey with grief. An individual's grief is as unique as a fingerprint or snowflake," Gerade wrote. "An adolescent - as any grieving person - needs understanding and support while coping with loss in his or her individual way."

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Tewksbury Police Log

This week in Tewksbury: Lots of OUIs, erratic driving, loud music

Monday, May 23
6:51 AM - Caller reports erratic operator who crashed into a barrier around the area of Villa Roma. She reports that he was wearing a medical mask and driving. She states that the vehicle has a clear amount of damage. All units were notified.
7:20 PM - Caller reports an intoxicated party at Livingston Street. Police sent and officer transported party to 41 Eagle Drive.

Tuesday, May 24
4:04 PM - Female caller reported two males approximately 12 years old, one white male and one black male, both wearing red shorts, going to the vacant house in the bushes and at the doors at 70 Orchard Street. Police sent and reported the kids were just playing around.
5:41 PM - A caller is reporting that the landscapers on Primrose Circle were attacked by a pitbull. Animal control was contacted and is responding. They called reporting that the dogs were inside and no attack occurred.

Wednesday, May 25
10:22 PM - Officer returned with one female under arrest from Motel 6. Jennylee Marfin, 33 of 3 Barlett Avenue from Arlington, was arrested and charged with a warrant for negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Thursday, May 26
3:37 AM - Police are out at 56 Pupkis Road attempting to serve summons. Jonathan Cameron, 24 of 56 Pupkis Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for shoplifting.
10:15 AM - Secretary at Wynn Middle School reports a suspicious male party asking for money at Wynn Middle School. Police sent. The party was spoken to. He

was picking up an envelope from one of the teachers. Spoken to; he is leaving.

12:49 PM - Received multiple calls reporting two females attempting to gain entry to vehicle in the parking lot. Police sent. The females were putting business cards on the vehicle, spoken to.

Friday, May 27
12:11 AM - Caller reports a blue Ford van in the parking lot at Autofair Nissan that he believes to be suspicious. Police respond. They report the van belongs to the cleaners and they are here every evening.

1:39 AM - Police out at Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Melisza Lopez, 37 of 96 Grove Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant of operation of motor vehicle with license suspended.

4:02 PM - Received a call from on Geddes Drive reporting male parties going door to door selling magazines. Police sent to check the area. They reports they are from a religious organization.

9:26 PM - Male party passed out on the sidewalk at AT&T Small World Wireless. William Penney, 48 of 10 Sycamore Street in Danvers, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny over \$250, a warrant for larceny by check over \$250, and a warrant for larceny by false pretense.

Saturday, May 28
1:02 AM - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Marston Street for marked lanes violation. David Isabelle, 43 of 10 Langley Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and failure to signal.

1:32 PM - The manager at Holiday Inn reports a guest who claims that someone

went into her room. Police sent to speak to the victim. Police assist and officer filed a report.

4:42 PM - Caller on Lee Street reports a neighbor is playing loud offensive music. Caller reports he believes the music is coming from a house on Kelly Terrace. Police responding and they report they spoke

with the party, who agreed to turn down the music.

8:46 PM - 911 callers reported a group of five to five people fighting in front of the store at Main Street Liquor. Police sent. Dinis Oliveira, 73 of 199 Marston Street in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, A&B on a police officer, and resist arrest.

9:18 PM - 911 caller reported a two car motor vehicle accident at 355 Marston Street and 355 Rogers Street. Paul Batalus, 59 of 176 Lakeview Street in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, leaving the scene of an accident, marked lanes viola-

tion, and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Sunday, May 29
2:31 AM - Police off at Shell Gas Station for failure to signal. Kara Litchfield, 28 of 107 Apache Way in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, failure to signal, and marked lanes violation.

5:41 AM - Police are out at 40 Anthony Road attempting to serve a warrant. Hany Kamel, 24 of 40 Anthony Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation warrant.

12:20 PM - Male party at Home Depot called in to report two shoplifters. Police sent. The police are cleared.

Shoplifters left the store and left the merchandise.

4:37 PM - A 911 caller reported was driving erratically at the Pond Street. Police sent and Billerica was contacted and informed the vehicle may be entering their town. Police report that the vehicle is gone on arrival.

8:34 PM - Several calls are reporting fire works in the area of 36 North Street and 50 East Street. Police sent and they report that there was nothing showing.

9:53 PM - Male caller reported a loud party at Babicz Road. Police sent. They spoke with the residents at two houses. They will quiet down for the night.



Wilmington Police Log

Fugitive entrée apprehended on Hathaway Road; Un-easy rider

Monday, May 23rd:
8:43 a.m.: The window of the engineering office in Town Hall was smashed with a rock by vandals over the weekend. There also appeared to be attempted damage to the Rec Department's windows.

9:57 a.m.: Main Street Consignment and Thrift was sideswiped by a Cordonna delivery truck, causing structural damage to the building. The truck was believed to be making a delivery to As Good as it Gets.

5:13 p.m.: A Subaru Forester struck a bicyclist on Ballardvale St. The operator refused medical attention and was picked up by an employee.

Tuesday, May 24th:
9:16 a.m.: A Nissan Pathfinder struck a parked Dodge Journey in the parking lot of the Wilmington High School. The Journey had no occupants at the time and no one was injured in the collision.

2:01 p.m.: A truck struck a light post on Salem St. by Winchester Family Medical Center. Site maintenance

followed up on the incident. No one was injured in the collision.

2:48 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Glen Rd. and King St. involving a Mercedes-Benz ML350 and a Nissan Rogue. No one was injured in the collision, but both vehicles were towed.

4:16 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred by Elia's Country Store on Middlesex Ave. involving a Ford Taurus and a Toyota RAV4. No one was injured in the collision. The operator of the RAV4 chose to have it towed and remained in the lot.

Wednesday, May 25th:
4:36 p.m.: A motorcycle tipped over on Middlesex Ave. after the rider lost balance in stop-and-go traffic. The operator was able to walk into the Reading Cooperative Bank and was not injured, nor was the bike rendered inoperable.

Thursday, May 26th:
8:35 a.m.: A skunk was removed from the back yard of a home on Blackstone St.

and brought to Tewksbury Animal Hospital after the homeowner reported seeing a sick or injured animal in their yard.

7:44 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Ave. and Aldrich Rd. involving a Chevrolet Traverse and a Chevrolet Impala. No one was injured in the collision.

Friday, May 27th:
1:39 p.m.: A Ford Taurus struck a mailbox in front of 82 Nichols St. The operator was cited for impeding operation, failure to stay in marked lanes, and a lack of an inspection sticker.

2:45 p.m.: A three-car motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Church St. and Adams St. involving an Acura MDX, a Toyota Camry, and an Acura TL. One party complained about being dizzy after the incident.

5:15 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Route 129 and 193 northbound 38 involving a Mercedes-Benz E350 and a BMW 4. No one

was injured in the collision. Both vehicles remained operable and both parties drove away after the drivers exchanged information.

Saturday, May 28th:
8:40 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred in the parking lot of the Starbucks on Main Street involving a Honda Civic and a Volkswagen Jetta. The Jetta backed into the Civic while exiting a parking space.

10:51 a.m.: Brendan Avery, 24, of 630 Main Street in Weymouth was summoned for using a motor vehicle without authority. In addition to the Toyota Corolla, Avery took a Samsung Galaxy S6 phone.

11:15 a.m.: Adonis Berzins, 61, of 12 Powderhouse Cir. in Wilmington was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, possession of a container of alcohol in his vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Berzins was involved in a three car collision in the Shawsheen School parking lot.

7:10 p.m.: John Martinez, 54, of 7 Suffolk St. in Chelsea was summoned for operating after suspension and failure to stop at a red light.

Sunday, May 29th:
10:30 a.m.: Animal Control Officers were called in after a report of a lobster in the road on Hathaway Rd.

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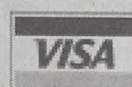
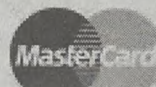
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▲Students and their families and friend gathered at the Woburn Street School last Thursday night to celebrate Student Art and Writing creations during the Art and Literacy Night. The photo includes from left, Ronald Jordan, Reading Specialist Linda Cornell, Kayle and Chase Heffernan with Mom Michelle, Tanya Jones with his Dad Eric Jones, Kevin Pruslin with his Mom and Dad Melissa and Stew, Reading Specialist Bethann Atkinson, Reading Specialist Cheryl Hackett, Second Grade Teacher Lynne Gordon and Art Teacher Carroll Conquest. (Photos by BruceHilliard.com)

Art and Literacy Night at Woburn Street School

Art and Literacy Night at the Woburn Street School in Wilmington has been a popular event going back to the 1990's. The students and classroom teachers work hard all year to create writing samples that are displayed in a variety of formats that night. Under the direction of the Woburn Street School art teacher Ms. Carroll Conquest, students' art projects completed throughout the year are presented in their art portfolios.

On Art and Literacy Night held this past Thursday, there are also a number of collaborative projects displayed that combine art, literacy, and technology. One such project is the Timeline Quilt Project created by the students in C5 under the guidance of Mrs. Gordon, their classroom teacher, Mrs. Jansen, the Elementary Technology Specialist, and Ms. Conquest, their art teacher.

The Timeline Quilt Project has been dreamt about for two years by these three teachers as a way of combining their specialties of art, technology and writing. They wanted to combine important pictures and events in the children's lives within a quilt format.

Each student had four squares which contained the following elements: The first is a drawing of themselves as a baby with



▲Seated under the Time Quilt, prominently displayed on stage includes from left, Woburn Street School Art Teacher Carroll Conquest, students Sofia Cataldi, Eric Banda, Tony Cummings and second grade classroom teacher in C-5 Lynne Gordon during last Thursday's Art and Literacy program held at the Woburn Street School.

their birth statistics.

The second is their rendition of an important event in their lives with a brief description. The third is a photograph of an important artifact and what it means to them. The final square is a self-portrait. These four panels were connected into four quadrants, each with five students represented, and the entire class of 20 students is represented in the class Quilt.

This Quilt was displayed at the District Art Show at the Middle School before being a centerpiece at Art and Literacy Night. It will be disassembled and each

panel will go home with the student who created it. There is also an online portion of the project which lists several events in each student's life and has photographs and writing to memorialize important events in his or her lifetime.

The children always enjoy coming to Art and Literacy Night and sharing their art and literacy work with their families. This night was a huge success. The room was filled with many families, students and staff members celebrating all the many art and literacy samples that were displayed around the room.

Kindergarten grants back on chopping block

Proposed Senate budget slashes from budget plan

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WILMINGTON - While the newly released budget from the Senate Ways & Means Committee features a number of beneficial features for local communities, Town Manager Jeffery Hull stated at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting that one detail had him concerned.

A report from the Massachusetts Municipal Association states that the Senate Budget Committee reported a FY 2017 budget plan of \$39.5 billion, what the MMA report deemed a "tight" budget.

"[The budget] provides strong progress on many important local aid priorities, including the full \$42 million increase in Unrestricted General Government Aid [sic] that the Governor and House agreed upon," the MMA report read.

Per Hull, the increase in local aid would result in Wilmington alone receiving \$214,358 more than they initially projected for in Wilmington's own FY 2017 budget planning.

"The next step will be for a conference committee to meet with the Senate to work out the details," Hull said.

However, both the MMA report and Hull personally brought attention to a significant cut in the budget. Under this budget, kindergarten development grants would be slashed almost out of existence. These grants assist with early education on a number of levels, including allowing many communities the ability to offer full-day kindergarten for free.

"The Senate's version cuts the kindergarten development grants by 89 percent," Hull said. "The Governor and the House were recommending level funding of \$18.6 million. The senate version cuts the amount by \$16.6 million."

For Wilmington, this would mean reduction from \$111,000 to "somewhere in the range" of \$12,000 for kindergarten and other early childhood development programs.

Kindergarten grants have been on Governor Baker's chopping block for quite some time. Last year, Baker's budget vetoed \$17.6 million in cuts from grants to expand full-day kindergarten throughout the state.

These cuts have been met with outcry by teachers and administrators across the state. When the cuts were proposed last year, State Senator Eric Lesser did an

interview with Slate in which he derided the entire idea of slashing kindergarten grants.

"It's a step in the wrong direction especially when you see so many other areas of the country like New York and D.C. and Connecticut expanding their early childhood education, and it will do lasting damage to the state's ability to be competitive," Lesser said in a July 2015 interview.

Baker's cuts were eventually vetoed by the Massachusetts House.

"If we're serious about closing the income inequality gap, expanding educational opportunities for working families must be an important priority," Senate President Stan Rosenberg said in a statement at the time. "By overriding the Governor's ill-advised education vetoes, we're helping middle class kids get the tools they will need to prosper in a demanding and competitive economy."

A year later, the education cuts are back on the table.

"Restoring these funds will be a major priority during the budget debate, and local officials will want to talk with their Senators about this program right away," the MMA report reads.

Hull informed the Board of Selectmen that he planned to speak with Superintendent Mary DeLai about this issue. Chairperson Judy O'Connell informed Hull that the Board of Selectmen would provide any written support required to assist DeLai and the school administration.

"For me, especially with early childhood development and special needs and PARCC and STEM, the list goes on and on, this kind of seems like we're taking some steps backwards," O'Connell said.

Neither Hull nor DeLai responded to the Crier's requests for further comment.

Annual Fishing Derby to be held on June 4

The Wilmington Recreation Department is sponsoring the 34th Annual Fishing Derby at Silver Lake on Saturday, June 4, 2016. This multigenerational event for youth and non-professional adults began in 1983. The Derby allows the Town to showcase its finest natural resource while participants have a chance to learn or improve their fishing skills.

The Derby will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Town Beach. Participants must register in the Bath House. Prizes will be awarded for the Heaviest Bass and Heaviest Non-

Bass in both age groups.

The cost to participate in the Derby is \$4 for those ages 18 and over, and \$2 for anyone age 17 and under. Bait will be available for purchase. There will be shore fishing only - no boats. No fishing license is required for this event only. Rain date is Sunday, June 5.

The Recreation Department would like to thank Jim Buckley and the volunteers who make this event possible. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Recreation Department at 978-658-4270.

School Committee, DeLai, meet with firm to discuss facilities master plan

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WILMINGTON - The Wilmington School Committee and Superintendent Mary DeLai met with representatives from Harriman, an architecture firm, to discuss the still-developing facilities master plan. The facilities master plan will survey all town buildings and gradually develop a course of action for how the town of Wilmington will repair, refurbish, or replace town buildings.

No plan of action has been finalized or decided by DeLai, the school committee, or the representatives from Harriman. The point of the conference during a recent school committee was for the Harriman representatives to get feedback from the school committee and indications as to what the current school administration might be interested in as the facility master plan develops.

Steve Cecil, an owner at Harriman, explained that because the High School and Middle School are recent projects that are in good shape, their focus has been on preschool and K-6 schools. "Those schools are pretty

well full as far as the way they are used. There are some pretty tight spaces," Cecil said. "There is no population explosion that we can see in the future. The other side is that there appears to be no diminishment in school age children. It's pretty much steady as you go with Wilmington with regards to school age kids, as far as we can tell."

Cecil and his fellow representative from Harriman laid out a number of options for the school committee, with the list topped by "Existing Allocations with Cosmetic Improvements" to bring the schools up to the current state code. Cecil specified that this would include making schools more handicapped accessible.

But the Harriman representatives also floated the possibility of beginning to close certain schools and consolidate the elementary grades into larger schools.

"If you had big enough schools you could rearrange what's in those schools in all kinds of different ways," Cecil explained.

DeLai told an anecdote about having to shift elementary teachers from one school to another to cover for one another, a process that

disrupted learning for the children and uprooted teachers. A school where all elementary grades were under one roof would curtail this sort of disturbance.

But while the school committee devoted a lengthy amount of their meeting to discussing the implications and advantages of such a move, Superintendent DeLai reiterated that no verdict or recommendation had been officially made. If any decision is made with regards to consolidating schools, it will be a project that will not come to fruition for possibly a decade, if not longer.

"No one is advocating that this is the way we want to go," DeLai said.

She went on, directly to school committee, "You have the ability to say, if the town is willing what would be the soundest investment we want to make. I don't know if I'll even be here by the time these buildings are built, but I'd like to think that I helped plant the seeds or got the ball rolling."

As public schools continue to emphasize increased attention to social growth and one-on-one development between students and their counselors and teachers, the demands on

a school are going to continue to change.

"Education has taken a turn," Mary Byrnes said. "The spaces are undersized for the types of learning that we need to be able to offer our students."

Harriman continues to develop the facilities master plan, with input from most of the departments in town.

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Foliar treatments and cut stump applications using herbicides approved for use near sensitive areas will take place between June 13, 2016 and October 21, 2016. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew availability. Treatments will be made by Wilmington DPW licensed / certified applicators using the herbicides listed in the Yearly Operations Plan, as referenced on the Wilmington DPW's Tree Division / Vegetation Management website at http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_PublicWorks/tree.

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By LISA KENNEDY-COX
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WILMINGTON - If you're looking for great service and help with all of your packing needs, you need look no further than Mailing and More.

Proprietors, Robert and Venessa Surran offer a cozy waiting area in the small building decorated similarly to a bright orange and red MBTA-stop, but they know there's so much more customers are looking for in a mailing establishment.

Having worked in the shipping industry, the two have a comprehensive understanding about the needs of customers, and bring to the table 40 years combined experience dealing with United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) related services. UPS is the world's largest package delivery company and provider of supply chain management solutions.

The couple purchased the business, located on 668 Main Street, from former owner Mike Maiullo, who had been proprietor for the past 20 years. They decided to keep the original name for the convenience of long-time clients.

How does Mailing and More stand out among a burgeoning group of mail related stores in town?

"You know the package is going to get there," said Venessa, "Customers want professionalism and knowing that all of their packages are mailed to a secure business location that they have access to at any time at their convenience."

"And, we will upon request... let them know when they have something coming in from a major carrier. Sometimes



◀ Robert and Venessa Surran are the owners of Mail and More located in Wilmington. (Photos by Bruce Hilliard.com)

▼ Venessa Surran displays some of the merchandise in her business, Mail and More.

people want to know if they are expecting a check; they can ask and we can call them to let them know that it's arrived." The customer can come by any time, a major convenience over waiting for regular business hours.

"Also, if you're a landlord and you don't want tenants showing up at your personal home, or a business that doesn't want packages going to their mailbox or being left out... packages come to a central location with surveillance."

"With a private mail box you can have peace of mind knowing that your mail is being delivered to a secure business location, and can be picked up at your convenience. Packages are not left vulnerable on your doorstep, and you certainly won't have to worry about unexpected customers or tenants showing up at your house," said Robert Surran.

"The other major thing we offer is the packaging," said Venessa, "You don't have to worry about going out and



finding a box. We package so the customer knows it's going to get there undamaged."

In addition to its excellent customer service, Mailing and More is an authorized UPS shipping outlet that offers mail box rental, rubber stamps, packing, business cards, faxing, and laminating services.

Their personalized daily mail delivery and receiving service offers 24 hour access with use of key code security.

Robert Surran is a 1991 graduate of Wilmington High

School and a lifelong resident of Wilmington. He and Venessa opened their doors on May 1st of this year.

An entrepreneurial spirit runs in the family. Robert's mom, Louise Southmayd (who helps out on the weekends), owns nearby Southmayd Insurance; his brother, Brian Surran owns Pizza Mia in Tewksbury. Extra "help" at the business includes the couple's two children, Joshua and Jason - soon to be three and five respectively.

Wilmington ceremony goes on despite rain

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tured guest speaker.

MacDonald and his wife Diane lost their son in 2003. Lance Corporal Gregory E. MacDonald, B Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, was killed in Iraq.

"One hero among the many," began MacDonald. Then referring to the reason his son and others served, he went on. "When did it all start? 9/11? The Gulf war? Vietnam?" he asked. "No, most of them were too young."

He explained they all volunteered and fought for simply what they believed in - freedom and peace.

"Gregory fought for freedom beyond the grasp of mankind, behind the normal scope of understanding," the father said. "His peace was world peace."

His son was a graduate student at American University who felt the movement for peace needed to start in the Middle East. Planning a career in the Diplomatic Corps, he joined the Marines as a path into that career. He eventually deployed to Iraq.

MacDonald told the crowd at one point his son called home from Iraq in the middle of the night.

"Dad," he said, "today we uncovered a mass grave of women and children. We are all here looking for weapons of mass destruction. What I saw here today meets that criteria."

Six weeks later they would learn of his death. Stories

from fellow Marines comforted them.

"His vehicle was the last to go out and the last to return for the day," MacDonald said proudly. He recounted how his son's knowledge of the Arabic culture and people gave his unit "the ability to stay the course."

At only 29, the young philosopher was the old man of his unit.

MacDonald closed by saying he knows his son is not forgotten and that he died for something important.

The ceremony continued with two more Gold Star families being recognized. The families of John J Fullerton Jr, killed in Vietnam, and of Ronald D. Eaton, killed in Korea, placed wreaths at the cemetery's monument. Cimaglia then continued with the Wilmington traditions of reading the Gettysburg Address and having a poem read by middle school student Joshua Rainone.

To conclude the formal ceremony, the captains of the honor guard came forward to the flagpole and faced the grave markers. As Cimaglia read the list of 33 names of Wilmington's killed or missing in action, a bell tolled for each, and the captains saluted. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts returned the salute. Cimaglia thanked the participants and the attendees acknowledging the rain and a comment made to him that "It doesn't stop the battle," the observation ending a moving and fitting tribute to fallen heroes.



▲ Three generations including from left, Linda Herra with her daughter USMC Casey Herra and Grandmother Lorraine Casey during the Memorial Day festivities. (Photos by Bruce Hilliard.com)

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Merrimack Valley Chorus to hold membership drive

The Merrimack Valley Chorus will be holding a Membership Drive on June 9, 16 and 23. This group is an all women cappella chorus consisting of 45 members.

The Chorus Group sings four part harmony and practice every Thursday night, at 7:00, at the Wilmington Arts Council, which is on Rt. 62, in Wilmington, MA.

Last year the group won first place, in our category, on "Sing That Thing" and last weekend we won two medals at the Sweet Adelines Regional contest.

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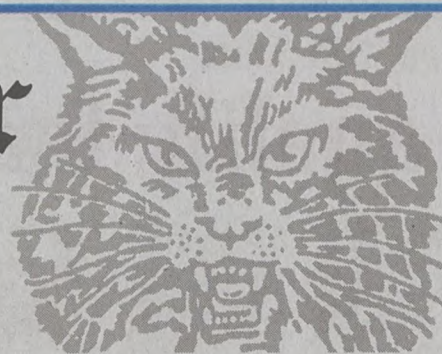
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Junior captures Division 3 EMass Championship title in 200-meters

Gaudreau breaks 46-year-old record

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BURLINGTON - When you break a record that has stood since 1970, it's pretty cool. When you break the record of the greatest athlete to ever put on a Wilmington High School uniform that's also something special.

And when you break the record of the same person who had a career in the National Football League, well hey that's the icing on the cake.

Well move over Mike Esposito, welcome Joe Gaudreau to the record books.

On Saturday afternoon, in the midst of 90-degree scorching heat, Gaudreau captured first place in the 200-meter run during the Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship Meet held at Burlington High School.

Gaudreau finished with a time of 22.15 seconds, which was just ever so better than Esposito's mark of 22.16 set in 1970.

Gaudreau was asked if he knew exactly whose record he broke?

"He's from the 1970s. He went to the NFL I believe," he said. "(Esposito) is obviously a better athlete than me, but maybe I'm quicker? He was probably running on cinder and I'm running on easier conditions, but it's good to (break the record)."

Gaudreau started off the day by winning the preliminary round of the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.62 seconds.

Then in the finals, he blew away the competition, finishing at 22.15, which was significantly better than Tyler Bryant of Pembroke, who was second at 22.39.

"There were a bunch of good runners (in the finals)," he said. "I was ranked second or third and I knew that I would have to run the fastest I have ever run (in order to win) and I ended up getting a personal record of 22.15 seconds so that felt really good. Now I move on to all-states."

Gaudreau added that he thought that he got off to a slow start but head coach Mike Kinney begged to differ.

"In the preliminary round his start wasn't as great but he always finishes really well," said Kinney. "I thought his start in the finals was pretty good. There was some question to whether or not he had the school record and I looked it up and in 1970 Mike Esposito ran 22.16 and today Joe ran 22.15."

Gaudreau added that he doesn't understand why he starts off slower than he'd like to.

"I had a decent start but around the turn I saw that I had a couple of guys ahead of me so I knew that I had to make up some ground," he said. "I'm not that good with my starts. I don't know why. I have long strides. I pick up speed after a while so I depend on that I guess. Next year though I'll be better as I'll work a lot on my starts."

Later on in the meet

Gaudreau joined his teammates Evan Sperlinga, Brad Aldrich and Steve Godfrey to finish fourth in the 4x100 relay race. That came a little more than a week after finishing first at the Middlesex League Meet, capping off an undefeated season.

Gaudreau - who is also a varsity basketball player who can bury the outside shot when he's on - is certainly the best sprinter the program has seen in many, many years.

"Joe is just phenomenal and he'll be ranked in the top three going into next week's all-state meet," said Kinney. "He is by far the best sprinter we've had here in my tenure. His father ran in college, but Joe is just really coming into his own right now."

"He's really quick, he has really long strides, he works extremely hard improving his technique. When we first got him, he was swinging all over the place and now he's straight ahead and just so smooth and relaxed. He now has excellent technique. He is just a real explosive kid."

Gaudreau is ranked fourth for this Saturday's All-State Meet. But until the gun goes off for that race, he's going to enjoy this record-setting first place finish.

"This is awesome to be a state champion. Hopefully there will be a banner in the gym and when that happens it'll just be awesome," he said.



Wilmington High junior Joe Gaudreau became the Division 3 Eastern Mass Champion in the 200-meter race on Saturday at Burlington High. His time of 22.15 seconds broke a 46-year-old record set in 1970 by Mike Esposito. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Ingram named WHS Boys Basketball Coach

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WILMINGTON - In late January of 1999, the Town Crier ran a feature story on then Wilmington High School Boys Basketball senior captain Dennis Ingram. At that time, he was coming off two monster games, combining for 44 points and 21 boards, including a huge 21-9 performance against one of the top teams in the state in North Andover. That performance came with three fellow starting players out of the line-up and for a team that finished with just seven wins all season.

"He is a terrific role model," said then head coach Jim McCune. "Dennis is one of the best kids who have walked through this program. He might be the best. He's a gamer. You know every night and every practice that Dennis Ingram is here to play."

Ingram went on to become a three-time league all-star and finish as one of the top ten leading scorers in the history of the program and then was enshrined into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Since those Glory Days, while he's become older, nothing has changed with his personality. He's still a 'gamer' and now this long-time assistant has been named as the WHS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach.

"Dennis has been in our system (as a coach) for eleven years," said WHS Athletic Director Ed Harrison. "I have seen him grow not only as a coach, but as a person. He is an extremely dependable person, who will be here for the long-term. He knows the culture and (Wilmington) community. Dennis has always been prepared. He works hard with all of his players one-through fifteen."

"I also feel the transition will be smooth and he will be fine as our new basketball coach."

A total of ten people applied for the position.

Ingram has been a three-sport assistant coach at WHS, also with soccer and baseball. He served as the boys varsity basketball team's assistant under McCune from 2005-2008 before taking over as the JV coach under Joe Maiella, who served as head coach from 2009-2016. Maiella resigned after this past season.

"I'm super excited," said Ingram. "I feel like my coaching background and all of that has gone into it, has really prepared me (for this). I'm the kind of the guy who believes in that - work on your craft everyday, coach at the freshmen level then move up, coach at the JV level and then when you are ready, you move up to that varsity level."

"Now I have my own program and I'm ready to make all of the calls. From all of my experience from last year to when I first started, I have seen things that I like and things that I don't like. I'm going to do my best to take the things that I like and implement them and try to get away from the things that are not worth it and are a waste of time."

This past season the Wildcats finished at 1-19, and that came after a 10-11 season which saw the team qualify for the state tournament behind 1,000 point scorer Connor Bennett, who is now playing at UMass-Lowell.

Ingram was asked what immediate changes he will make.

"It's going to be a commitment of getting back to the basics and you really need to do that," he answered. "We



have had a couple of tough seasons here, so I think when that happens, you need to step back, go back to the basics and take the things that are really working and the things that you think are really important and work on developing your team."

"Conditioning is going to be a major component. We're going to have a conditioning test at the beginning of every season. Conditioning is not a punishment, but it's a huge, huge, huge component to be a successful varsity athlete. I coach JV Baseball and before every practice we run a mile and my kids look at me like I'm crazy. But when you are not conditioned, it's like that stupid Snickers Commercial

- when you're hungry you are not yourself."

"When you are not conditioned, you are not yourself. You get tired easier, you can overcompensate something and get injured easier. It also affects coaches because if someone isn't physically conditioned, you can't do something you want to do. If you are physically conditioned, you can be a very successful high school athlete and I firmly believe that."

Maiella left with a record of 53-90, which included one league championship title in 2011 and an 0-3 record in the tournament. The team qualified for post-season play three times in his seven years. Maiella replaced McCune, who had a remarkable 267-169 record in 20 years at WHS, which included three sectional finalists trophies, eight league titles and qualified for the state tournament 15 of his 20 years.

"I remember being in sixth grade and coming to watch Coach Jim McCune's team and saying 'I want to be that guy'. His shoes are so big to fill," said Ingram. "I played for him, I've stayed in touch with him all these years and I'm still good friends with him. That's what I always wanted to do. It's just a sense of pride that you have."

"I know not everyone can be a coach, and I know there will be a lot of pressure (on me) coaching in my hometown, but I am so excited and so ready to do it. Every single day that I'm here, I'm going to bring incredible enthusiasm and I just think this is a great opportunity."

Ingram said that over the past eleven years being a part of the three programs as well as being a three-sport athlete himself has taught him so much about coaching and how to deal

with student-athletes on a daily basis.

"Every coach that I've played for and coached with I'd like to thank between Coach McCune to Mark Antonelli to Joe Maiella to Steve Scanlon," said Ingram. "It's a different sport (with soccer), but I have really learned so much from Steve Scanlon. From team management, to behavioral management, I have learned so much from Steve. I think his father Dick walked on water and I think the same of Steve."

"When you coach under Steve, he basically gives you a manuscript of how to be a great coach - these are the things you pay attention to and these things over here don't put your nose into those things - those things will take care of itself. As far as running a practice, (he'll say) these are the things that you should be looking for, small skill stuff, some bigger skill things to work on and some live scrimmages. He's just great."

Coming off the one-win season, Ingram realizes that getting the basketball program back to double digit wins, state tournament games and league title aspirations won't happen overnight. He wants the program to get back to having athletes.

"We have athletes (right now in guys like Graham Smith, Joe Gaudreau, Danny Gracia and Chris Grecco) and that's the concept I want to have," said Ingram. "People seem to be all caught up in the fact that we should have kids who just strictly play Wilmington Basketball (year round). In the NFL Draft, eight-nine percent of the first round selections were guys who played three sports in high school. I think that's a great

thing."

"We want to be athletic and I think what it also does is the kids buy into more of the defensive pressure aspect. You'll have guys who play soccer, football and lacrosse and they are used to playing with that defensive pressure so I think that can work in basketball."

Ingram was then asked about his day-to-day basketball strategies.

"We are going to get back to the basics of defense as well," he said. "We kind of gotten away from that a little bit. Defense is so important, especially in high school. It's a thirty-two minute game and you need to get on teams and apply pressure. You can apply full-court pressure, half-court pressure, pressure on out-of-bounds plays and sideline pressure. You can put pressure on kids and you want to make them play uncomfortable."

"We're going to have a basic motion offense. Get that ball out of your hands, pass and move. It's all about ball movement. And what does that do? It bothers the other team's defense because they are constantly moving. I have some set plays that I love and that are successful. But every game takes a different script, but you always write the last chapter. You got to have calls and you got to have sets."

"We want to have a motion offense that we can run and make some adjustments out of it. It's going to be a progressive thing. You start off with several set plays and see how the team reacts to them. If they are successful, then you add a couple more and then maybe get rid of the one that isn't working as well. That's the idea."

Ingram, 35, graduated

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Baseball team honors Veteran Zack Mayo, and Super Mom Deb Smith

Wildcats defeat AP to qualify for the tournament

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WILMINGTON - It was the first of many consecutive days of honoring and remembering a lot of people during Saturday and Sunday's annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Baseball Tournament. Besides remembering the Hall of Fame Coach, Wilmington resident and Veteran Zack Mayo threw out the first pitch, while the players on the Wildcat team all honored Deb Smith, the mother of center fielder Graham Smith who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. The players wore arm bands with her name penned in, while players like Justin Leger wrote her initials into the sand next to the right handers batting box. Then of course the honoring and respect carried over to Monday with Memorial Day. While all of that was going on, the Wilmington High School Baseball team came

from behind to beat an outstanding Austin Prep team 5-3 on Saturday which clinched a state tournament berth for the Wildcats. The following day Wilmington fell victim to Chelmsford, 3-2, in the championship game and that win for the Lions pushed themselves into the Division 1 North state tournament bracket.

The win on Saturday was a tale of two teams - the first three innings, Wilmington (10-10) was lifeless. Then the final three, the 'Cats combined to score five runs, while ace pitcher Jackson Gillis struggled mightily with his command all afternoon, but still managed to pick up the victory despite walking eight batters in six innings.

"It was like we had two different teams," said Wildcat coach Aldo Caira. "We didn't play well in the first three innings. We ran into some outs (on the bases), we missed several bunt signs and those things cost us in



The WHS Baseball team gathers around Veteran Zack Mayo, who threw out the first pitch before Saturday's game against Austin Prep in the annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Day Tournament. The Wildcats prevailed in this game to qualify for the state tournament. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

the first inning. But then they hung in there and kept the game close. Jack didn't have his best game but he kept us in there."

Gillis wasn't himself on this day. His fastball wasn't as fast, his command was off and he just had a hard time getting into any kind of rhythm all game. He walked four batters, including one with the bases loaded in the top of the first to allow the Cougars (17-3) to score the game's first run.

Then with two outs and the bases empty in the top of the second, Dan Monagle connected on a solo home run down the left field line. Which followed by a walk, a hits batsman and another walk, before Gillis struck out the final batter of the inning to escape trouble.

In the third, two walks and a single gave Austin a 3-0 lead.

"(Gillis) felt really good and had a real good warm-up," said Caira. "It's just one of those things where he didn't have his best game today and that happens. But he was good enough to keep us in the game. I thought he did get stronger as the game went on."

A handful of MLB scouts were also on hand for this game with the draft upcoming in less than two weeks.

Wilmington squandered all kinds of chances to score in the first three innings and were once again victimized by poor base running with two runners picked off second base and another base runner ruled out on runner's interference on an infield grounder.

All in all five runners reached second or third base in the first three innings and none of them scored.

That changed in the bottom of the fourth. With two out and runners at first and second, No. 9 hitter Justin Leger crushed a high fastball to left field for a two-run double scoring Danny Gracia and Connor Zaya making it 3-2.

Then in the bottom of the fourth, senior all-league second baseman Brian Cavanaugh doubled to center field which lifted starting pitcher Andrew DeRoche in favor of right-handed submarine hurler Paul McGeehan.

After getting the next two batters out, Gracia sent a 1-2 fastball to right center field for a RBI single. Matt Woods reached on an error and was lifted for a pinch runner Justin Kannally. After a walk to Zaya to load the bases, Leger got hit by a pitch to score Gracia, which followed with a wild pitch when Smith was at the plate to score Kannally making it 5-3.

Gillis gave up a harmless single in the fifth, and another batter reached on an error to start the sixth but was erased as Zaya threw him out trying to steal

second. Gillis went six innings, giving up three earned runs on three hits, while walking eight, hitting a batter and striking out seven.

He gave way to Smith for the seventh. After falling behind 3-0 on the first batter, Smith came back to strike him out. After a walk, Smith got Chris Gagnon to fly out. Andrew Gerety followed by reaching on an infield single, but Smith then got Brendan Barry to ground out to end the game, allowing Wilmington to celebrate with the tenth win of the season.

"Graham throws the ball pretty good," said Caira. "I wish we had him earlier in the season so he could have pitched more (but he was out injured). If you can throw strikes, you can win games."

While Smith nailed down the save Caira was elated that the team's three game losing streak came to an end and the squad will continue its season in the playoffs.

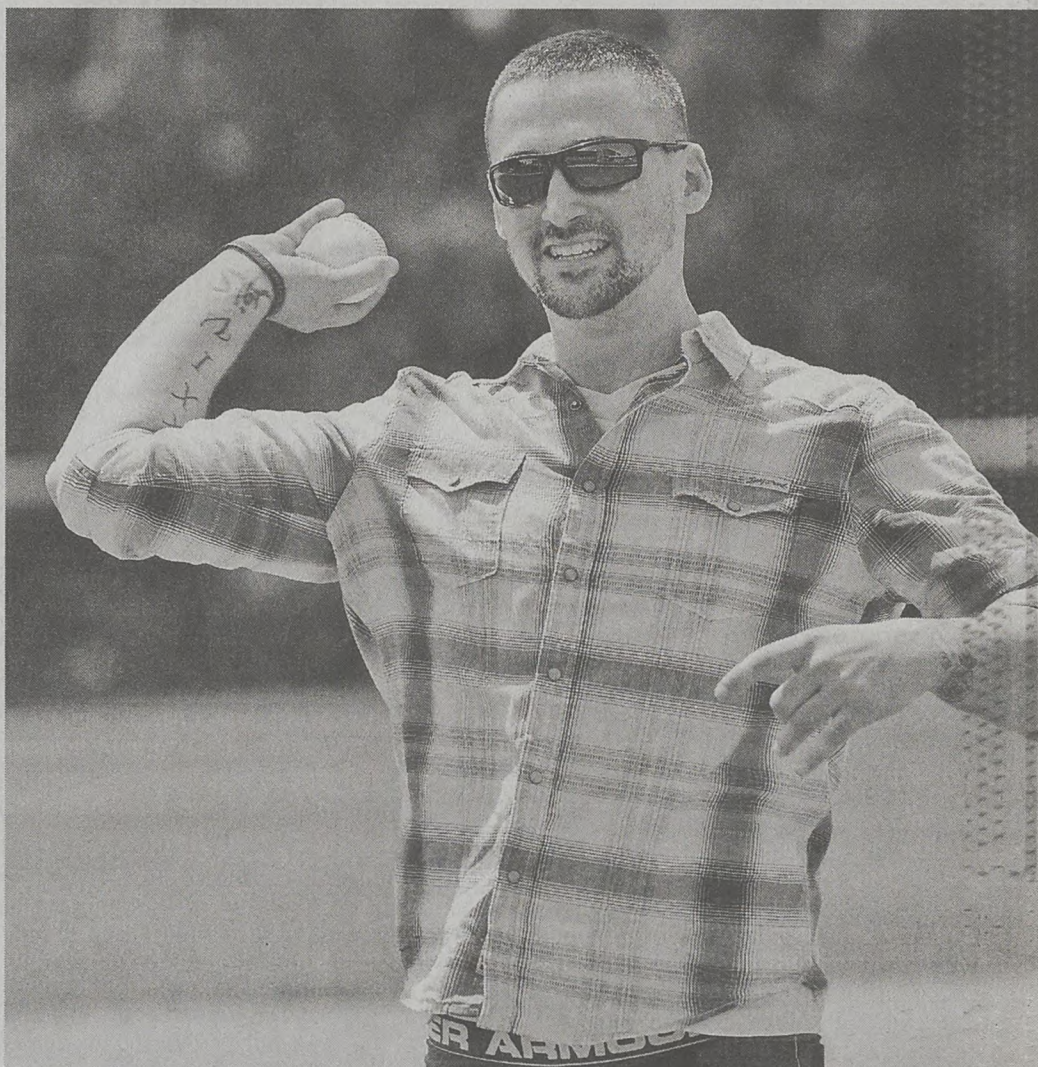
"I think for all of the kids it's a sigh of relief," he said. "I'm happy for them. They went through a couple of games that were just so-so and the effort really wasn't there, but today after that third inning where we scored a couple of runs, you could see that little spark in the team. That's the best thing about this team is the ability to come back."

Cavanaugh, Gracia and Leger led Wilmington, with two hits each.

This past week it was also announced that Gillis and Cavanaugh were named to the Middlesex League All-Star team.



Above, Wilmington High School student Kelly Dankees did a beautiful job singing the national anthem and below veteran Zack Mayo throws out the first pitch before the annual Scanlon Memorial Baseball Tournament got underway on Saturday. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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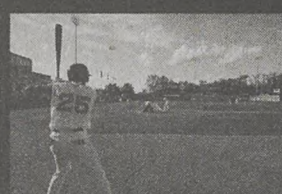
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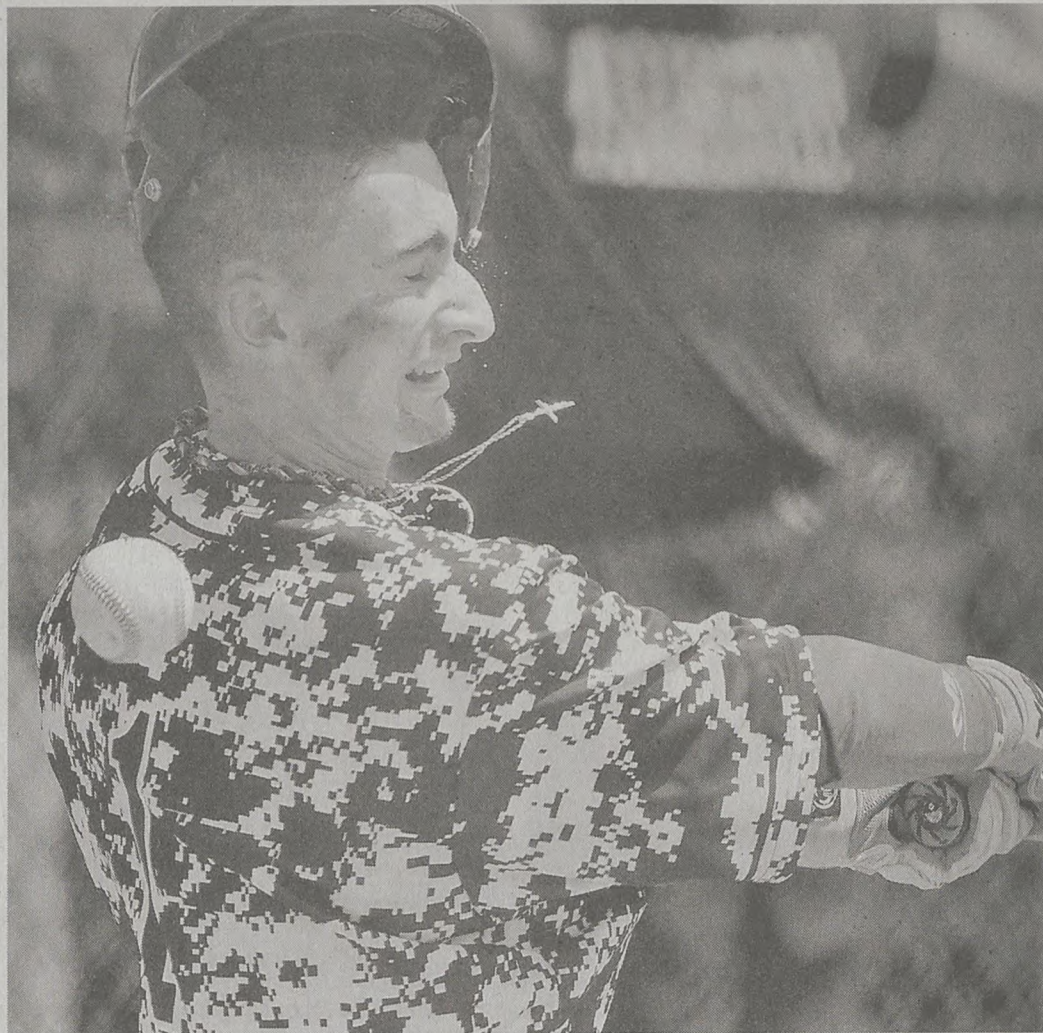
WILMINGTON - When the Boston Red Sox started their season back in April, not much was expected with the bat out of No. 9 hitter Jackie Bradley, Jr. He was there for defense and whatever offense he gave them would be gravy.

For the Wilmington High Baseball team, Justin Leger has been a versatile guy. He can play the outfield and infield, he can run and he has been used in a number of roles this season.

On Saturday, the No. 9 hitter came through with arguably the team's biggest hit of the season - he came through unexpectedly, just like Bradley has for the Sox through the first two months of the season.

Trailing 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning of a must-win game, Wilmington had runners at first and second with two outs. Leger, who earlier in the game singled, came to the plate. He first took a foul ball which ricocheted off his face before taking a high fastball and crushing it to left field to score Danny Gracia and Connor Zaya. That hit saved Wilmington's season.

"I was seeing the ball well and I was pretty anxious up there," said Leger. "I had fouled a pitch off of my face. (Then, on the next pitch) I saw the pitch coming (in high) and I knew that if I swung and missed coach would have been mad at me (because it was a ball), but I was able to get the bat on the ball and get a good piece



Wilmington's Justin Leger has his foul ball ricochet off of his cheek during the game against Austin Prep. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

of it and luckily help the team."

Leger certainly helped the team. Prior to that hit the team was more or less lifeless. After that hit, the team rallied and scored three more runs in the next inning to overcome the deficit and come away with a 5-3 win over a 17-win ball club from Austin Prep.

"Oh absolutely, absolutely (that was the team's biggest hit of the season)," said coach Aldo Caira. "Justin was huge today, just huge for us. He is quick, he gets the bat on the ball and he just causes problems out there."

Leger continued to cause problems in the fifth inning. After one run came in to tie the game up at 3-3, Leger was up with the bases loaded and two outs. This time he was facing sidearm reliever Paul McGeehan, who on the first pitch had the ball get away from him, nailing

Leger with the pitch. The bases loaded free pass gave Leger his third RBI of the game, Wilmington the lead at 4-3 (before McGeehan uncorked a wild pitch to score the fifth and final run).

"We have never seen a delivery like that before," described Leger of what he saw from the submarine thrower. "So I knew the ball would be coming across my body, so I was hoping that it would go through the zone but instead it went right at my butt and I wore it."

Those two at bats really helped Wilmington prevail, win the game qualify for the state tournament and end its three-game losing streak.

"We have been struggling the last few games and we haven't been playing the way we are capable of playing," he said. "Day in and day out we have been coming here and working as

hard as we can and we just knew that we needed a nice team effort and we could get a win and that's what happened today."

"I just think that we have been in a little bit of a funk. We have just been beating ourselves. We have lost to teams that are not better than us and we weren't making the plays that we should have been making so we just had to put those things behind us."

Prior to each at bat, Leger (2-for-2, 3 RBIs), took an extra second to write something next to the right hander's batter's box.

"I was writing in Deb (Smith's) initials," he said. "Graham Smith's mom was just diagnosed with breast cancer so the whole team is just rallying around Graham and his family and this win was for her."

Seven high school teams to compete in state tournament

By JAMIE POTE
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Seven local teams qualified for the state tournament which officially got underway on Tuesday. The No. 9 seed Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team defeated the No. 8 seed Lowell Catholic, 15-13, in Division 2 North first round play and will now travel to face the No. 1 seed Marblehead on Thursday afternoon at 5 pm.

Staying with lacrosse, the Shawsheen Boys team were tabbed as the No. 5 seed (15-5) and will travel to take on No. 4 seed Melrose (16-4) on Thursday, also at 5 pm in Division 2 North play.

Also in the same bracket are the four-time Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 champion Tewksbury Redmen (8-12) as the No. 11 seed and will travel to take on the No. 6 seed Malden Catholic (9-9) for a 5 pm match-up.

Going back to Division 2 North Girls, the No. 15 seed Tewksbury Redmen (6-14)

will travel to take on the No. 2 seed Manchester-Essex Hornets, which comes in with a 16-2 record.

In baseball, the Wilmington High Wildcats were the No. 14 seed in Division 2 North with a 10-10 record and will travel to take on league rival Reading, the No. 3 seed with a 16-4 record including one of those four losses coming against the 'Cats earlier this season. That game will be Thursday at 4 pm.

In Division 3 North, Shawsheen Tech is tabbed as the No. 7 seed with its 14-6 record and the Rams will host the No. 10 seed Swampscott with a 13-7 record.

In softball, the Tewksbury Redmen drew the No. 1 seed with their 17-3 overall record and will get a first round bye. They will face the winner of Wakefield/Bedford on Sunday at 2 pm.

Also, Wilmington is the No. 11 seed with a 13-7 record and will travel to face the No. 6 seed Gloucester (13-6) on Thursday at 4 pm.

Ingram named new WHS Boys Basketball Coach

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from WHS in 1999 before moving on to Framingham State where he played hoop for one season. He then transferred to UMass-Boston and finished his degree in sociology. He currently works in the Newton School System in the specialization program, dealing with kids who are going through anxiety and depression. He is also two months shy of receiving an Administration Master of Education Athletic Director's Degree.

As far as his staff is concerned, Ingram said Freshmen Coach Pat Taylor will be promoted to JV and his top assistant on the bench, while he will be looking to fill the Freshmen position. Former players Tim

McCarthy and Kyle Albanese will help out in one form or another during the upcoming season.

Ingram added that there's one special person who he really needs to thank for all of his help, guidance and support.

"I want to thank Ed Harrison," said Ingram. "It's been so great being around him for all of these years, and knowing him from when I was in high school, giving me a chance and watching me develop from a young man into a good head coach. I'm glad to know that I may be his last hire and I really can't thank him enough for everything he has done for me."



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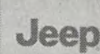
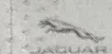
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WHS Boys/Girls Track

Nelson, relay team advance to all-state meet

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BURLINGTON — The Wilmington High School Boys and Girls Outdoor Track-and-Field teams finished 12th and 23rd, respectively during Saturday's Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship Meet held in the 90-degree heat at Burlington High School.

For the boys team, junior Joe Gaudreau led the way as he was crowned an individual champion winning the 200-meter race with a time of 22.15 seconds, which broke the school's longtime record of 22.16 seconds set in 1970 by Hall of Famer Mike Esposito.

Gaudreau also was the anchor leg on the fourth place 4x100 relay team joining Evan Sperlinga, Brad Aldrich and Steve Godfrey as that group finished with a combined time of 43.82 seconds.

"I think a great deal of the relay team's success should be credited to assistant coach Rick Barry, who has been their sprinting coach for the last four years," said WHS Boys' Coach Mike Kinney. "He is retiring from teaching and coaching this year and he has been instrumental in helping them along the way."

Sperlinga was also sixth in the 100-meter race with a time of 11.38 seconds and then 17th in the 200 (23.69). Also scoring was senior Kyle Nelson, who was third in the shot put throwing 50-05.00.

"I think everyone did very well," said Kinney. "Evan had his personal best time of 11.38 (in the 200). Kyle Nelson threw 50 feet and was terrific in the shot put. That's the third best shot put throw I've seen in my sixteen years here. Kyle just gets everything he can out of the technique and he just works extremely hard at it."

He has been coached by Michelle Angelo in the shot put. She has done a fabulous job with him."

Nelson was also 20th in the discus throwing 97-08, while Godfrey was 17th in the 200 (23.69) and Aldrich was 31st in the 100 (11.91).

Godfrey and Aldrich also joined Dave Bell and Max Duong to place 23rd in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:47.54. Bell was also 28th in the 400 (54.72).

Senior Deven Langenfeld had himself a nice and busy day. He placed 11th in both the pole vault (8-6) and triple jump (40-07.50) and was also 22nd in the 110-meter hurdles (17.23).

"Deven Langenfeld did excellent. He's been the team's leader all season," said Kinney.

Both Russell Abbott and Ray Russell competed in multiple events. The two joined Justin Ekstrom and Jesse Valente to finish 11th in the 4x800 relay with a time of 8:40.92 and then they both finished 31st in the long jump (19-03.50) for Abbott and in the 400-meter hurdles (67.80) for Russell.

Rounding out the competitors include Tate Kennedy with a 14th place in the javelin (127-06), Ian Falcon Rivera was 23rd in the triple jump (35-10.00), Dan Judkins was 20th in the 400-meter hurdles (63.43) and Joe Dumolin was 65th in the 100 (12.47).

GIRLS TRACK

On the female side, Alexcia Luna led the way as she placed 7th in the 200 (26.42) and 8th in the 100 (13.27), while senior Julia Gake broke her own school record in the 800 with a time of 2:20.74, which was good for 8th place overall.

Luna was also a part of the 4x100 relay team along with Taeya Peroni, Kaila Bavin



The WHS Girls and Boys Track-and-Field teams competed in the Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship this past weekend. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com)



and Heather Niemiec and that foursome placed 24th with a time of 53.53. Gake also joined up with the 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams.

The 4x800 team consisted of Gake, Elisabeth Olson,

Emma Garrity and Taylor Santry and that group finished 17th at 10:56.57, while it was Gake, Elisabeth Olson, Samantha Pitzi and Anna De La Cruz who finished 24th in the 4x400 with a

time of 4:27.53.

Garrity was also 12th in the 800 (2:25.32), Pitzi was 19th in the 400-meter hurdles (72.42) and Olson was 29th in the mile (5:50.49).

Rounding out the competi-

tors include Jamie Shanning, who was 19th in the javelin (89-10), Danielle Baldi, who was 22nd in the 400-meter hurdles (78.94) and Victoria Sheehan, who was 32nd in the 100 (13.71).

Massachusetts Ice Hockey Officials Development program hosting open event

The Massachusetts Ice Hockey Officials Development Program will be hosting a free open house event for people who may be interested in becoming a hockey official.

The event is open to coaches, players, parents and other individuals who may be interested in becoming an ice hockey official.

Note - Massachusetts State Laws requires officials to be at least 14 years old by July 1 of the registration season (i.e. 14 years old by July 1, 2016 for the 2016-17 season).

The event will take place on Monday, June 6th at 6:30 pm at the Ristuccia Arena, located at 190 Main Street in Wilmington.

There is no cost and the event is limited to a maximum of 30 attendees.

Also, the Atlantic Hockey Association is a member of the Division 1 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and is currently looking for players who played at the junior and college level and want to continue to be a

part of the game as referees.

The Association has several independent leagues throughout the East that are committed to helping recruit and train officials over the summer. These leagues have donated classroom space, ice sessions and live games that will help us identify and fast-track new candidates for advancement for the 2016-17 season.

A majority of the games and classroom sessions will be held in the Foxboro-Everett-Marlboro (Mass.) area with several more venues in the following areas: Connecticut, Buffalo (N.Y.), and the Atlantic District (Pennsylvania/New Jersey).

For those officials who are currently USA Registered or members of National Ice Hockey Officials (NIHOA) Association who are interested in advancing to the junior and collegiate levels, there's several tournaments starting in April and at midget and junior level. The

tournaments will include secondary training on player safety, game management, and on-ice mechanics for all officiating systems.

After successful completion of the classes, you will be added to the staffs at the junior level for the United States Premier Hockey League and the Eastern Hockey League, which are the training leagues for Atlantic Hockey Association.

You then will be added to the staffs of College Hockey America, a NCAA Division 1 women's league and the following men's leagues: Northeast-10 Conference (NCAA Division 2) and the Massachusetts College Athletic Conference or MASCAC (NCAA Division 3).

For those interested, please contact me at gene@refereecrease.com. Training will start with classroom sessions in April at the Foxboro Sports Arena and at the Atlantic Hockey Association office in Winthrop, Mass.



Deven Langenfeld competes in the triple jump during Saturday's Division 3 Eastern Mass Meet. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com)

WHS Tennis Clinic has openings

The 10th annual Wildcat Tennis Clinic (June session) will run from June 27 - July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the new high school tennis courts.

The clinic is a developmental and support program for those who intend to play high school tennis or for anyone looking to learn great game of tennis.

Supported by the Friends of Wilmington Tennis, the clinic's head instructor is Wildcat Girls Tennis Coach Matt Hackett.

Current Wildcat varsity players will assist Coach Hackett with instruction and demonstrations. The cost of the clinic is \$150 per player, and includes a free gift, guaranteed fun, and fundamental to advanced instruc-

tion. Participants entering grades six through nine are invited to register. We welcome players of all skill levels. Space is limited to 12 participants, and fills up fast.

For registration information, please contact the Friends of Wilmington Tennis at friendsWT@verizon.net, or 978.658.8987. Check out the Friends' website at www.wilmingtontennis.org for more information on local tennis. See you on the courts!

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Boston Ultimate Disc Association will be running a free girls Ultimate Frisbee Clinic on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the Diamond Middle

School in Lexington. This drop-in clinic will run from 3:00-6:00 pm and be staffed by some of the best women's coaches in the area. Girls ages 7-18 can come learn this terrific sport. Sneakers and water bottle suggested but no other requirements. Bring a friend or bring a whole team! Ultimate is played in many middle and high schools in Massachusetts and across the country. College and adult teams compete nationally. Learn to play in a non-competitive, highly instructional environment just for girls. There will be lots of individualized instruction. Lots of freebies and giveaways as well. Stop in and learn a new sport!

Rams track teams compete, softball team eliminated from tourney

By JAMIE POTE
& MIKE IPPOLITO

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BURLINGTON - The Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Track-and-Field teams participated in Saturday's Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship Meet held at Burlington High School. The boys' team finished in 23rd place and the girls finished in 32nd place.

Leading the way on the boys side was Sam Baker, Kyle Simonds, Christina Lucchesi and Zach Buckland who all got in the scoring column. Baker was seventh in the triple jump (41-04.75) as was Simonds in the 400-meter hurdles (59.38), while Lucchesi was eighth in the 400 (52.60) as was Buckland in the 400-hurdles (59.56).

Also the 4x400 relay team of Sam Chebook, Scott Callahan, Nick Sachetta and Lucchesi were seventh with a combined time of 3:34.42.

Buckland was also 15th in the triple jump (39-07.50) and 16th in the 110-meter hurdles (16.73), Baker was also 34th in the long jump (18-09.50). Simonds was also a part of the 18th place 4x800 relay team along with Story Michaud, Andrew McCarthy and RJ Page, who had a combined time of 9:15.86.

Chebook, Callahan, Jared Mason and Nick Gird were 20th in the 4x100 with a time of 45.86, while Gird was 15th in the 100 (11.57) and Mason was 28th in the 200 (24.26).

Finally, Jared Shibles fin-

ished 36th in the 200 (24.62), Angel Andino was 42nd in the 100 (11.99) and Chris Ferrari was 59th in the 100 (12.25).

On the girls side, Holly DeCoursey was the lone person to score as she was eighth in the triple jump (34-05.50). She also placed 35th in the long jump (14-09.25). Alex DePerri was busy as she was 34th in the 100 (13.81) and then joined Rachel MacDonald, Katie Dunlevy and DeCoursey to finish 25th in the 4x100 relay with a time of 53.84.

Finally the 4x800 relay team of Ivana Wisky, Lauren Pottle, Shannon Fitzgerald and Jackie Broderick were 19th with a time of 11:09.62.

SOFTBALL

The Shawsheen Tech Softball team made a strong late season run at a possible post season tournament berth, winning four games in a row over the past couple of weeks to improve to 7-9 on the season. Those four wins put themselves in position to clinch a tournament berth if they were able to get wins in each of their last two games against non-league rivals Bishop Fenwick and Arlington Catholic this past week.

Unfortunately for the Lady Rams, despite their best efforts they were unable to get the necessary victories, coming up short in both games, falling to Bishop Fenwick by a score of 6-3 on

Thursday, and dropping a 4-1 decision to Arlington Catholic on Memorial Day finishing their season with a 7-11 overall record.

Shawsheen came out strong against Division 1 Fenwick, but couldn't put the Crusaders away, as they fell by a score of 6-3. The Lady Rams opened up the game with three first inning run on two hits, but were held in check from that point on.

Katelyn Logue went 2-for-3 on the day with one run scored and an RBI, while Ari Nicosia of Tewksbury was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Co-captain Katie Stevens of Wilmington also had two hit for the Lady Rams.

Both teams played tough most of the day, but in the fifth inning, Bishop Fenwick

took advantage of two Shawsheen errors, and got key hits when they needed them to put up four runs in the inning and make the score, 5-3. They would add one more in the sixth inning to account for the 6-3 final.

Sophomore Brooke Arena took the hard luck loss for the Lady Rams, giving up six hits, no walks, while striking out two. Only three of the Fenwick runs were earned as Shawsheen committed five errors on the day.

On Monday at Hurd Field in Arlington, Shawsheen found themselves in a pitcher's duel as both teams played great defense for most of the game. Having seen their tournament hopes dashed with their previous loss to Fenwick, Shawsheen

continued to fight until the end. Down 1-0, Shawsheen battled back to tie AC in the top of the sixth only to watch the Cougars score three times in the bottom of the sixth.

While their defense had been nearly impeccable to that point in the game, the Lady Rams had five straight errors after two strikeouts, to give the Cougars all of their runs in the inning. The Lady Rams had runners on in the seventh but couldn't

get the timely hit.

Katie Welch singled home the only run for Shawsheen of the game for Shawsheen in the sixth inning, after Carlee Wickwire started off the inning with a single herself, and advanced on a sacrifice by Victoria Basler.

Arena once again took the hard luck loss, giving up seven hits and one walk, while striking out four and allowing only one earned run.



Rams win CAC title, lose Voc Championship

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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There have been many big weeks and many big wins this season for the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team this season, but there have been few bigger for the Rams than this past week. The Rams came up with two of their biggest wins of the season, first clinching a share of the CAC title for the third consecutive season, and then coming up with a huge win over an undefeated opponent in the semi-finals of the state vocational tournament before finally being eliminated in another thriller in the finals of the vocational tournament.

The 2-1 week improved the Rams 15-7 overall on the season as they prepare for the first round of the MIAA Division 3 North Sectional Tournament where they have earned the number seven seed and will host No. 10 Swampscott on Saturday in Billerica.

The Rams kicked off their week last Wednesday with a 5-4 win over CAC rival Essex Tech for their fifth straight victory, clinching a three-way tie atop the CAC standings along with fellow champions Northeast and Whittier Tech.

For Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy, who has presided over each of the Rams three championships, this year's title was especially satisfying given the way his team had to battle down the stretch to clinch a tie for the crown.

"I am really proud of our team this year on winning a share of the CAC," McCarthy said. "The guys worked incredibly hard to make it to this point and we are now playing our best ball down the home stretch of the season and into the playoffs. After struggling to find some consistency in our game around the mid-point in the season, they pulled it together and we've gotten some great pitching and defense down the stretch to complement our offense."

That was the case once again in this one, as the Rams were led by an outstanding offensive effort, including a 2-for-4 performance by senior second baseman Brendan O'Flaherty of Wilmington who had a home run and a triple, with the round tripper coming in the fifth inning to give the Rams the lead for good.

O'Flaherty, who was fea-

tured in last week's Town Crier, was named the CAC MVP last week.

Catcher Evan Boczenowski added to the offense in the win with a 1-for-3 performance with one run scored, while Aaron Bennett was 1-for-3 with a double.

The Rams also once again got great pitching, this time from senior lefty Alex Tate of Tewksbury, who scattered nine hits while striking out six and allowing three earned runs.

The Rams followed up that big win with another on Sunday, rolling to a 7-2 win over previously undefeated Bay Path in the first round of the vocational tournament. Bay Path came into the game with a perfect 18-0 record, but they were no match for the brutal Rams offensive attack.

"This was certainly a huge game for us, and probably the best all-around team win we had this season, except maybe the no-hitter over Whittier," McCarthy said. "Going down as the four seed against an 18-0 squad, and putting up two runs in the first to set the tone was awesome. Then McCreven pitched well, and the defense behind him was solid. And we kept hitting. It was a great team win."

As McCarthy said, senior pitcher Dan McCreven of Tewksbury did an outstanding job on the mound for the Rams, scattering ten hits, while striking out five over six innings of work.

"Dan pitched real well that day. With an 18-0 record, we knew they were going to hit the ball well," McCarthy said. "He scattered ten hits, but he minimized the damage and pitched well to get out of situations with men on base. Nothing phased him that day. He was right on."

Senior third baseman Andy Diranian led the offensive charge for the Rams, going 3-for-4 three RBI's while junior centerfielder Craig Rich was 1-for-2 with two RBI's.

Senior right fielder David Lindsey of Tewksbury meanwhile was 1-for-2 with three runs scored.

"David has been real hot for us since moving up to a three spot in our order. He's doing a phenomenal job getting on base and scoring some runs," McCarthy said. "He's a smart hitter at the plate and works to count to get it in his favor. He's on a few times each game either by hit, walk or hit-by-pitch.

He's been real solid for us in that order."

The Rams were unable to complete the perfect week, coming up just short in the vocational final championship game with a 5-4 loss on the road to Greater New Bedford on Tuesday.

The Rams may have come up short on the scoreboard, but they went down fighting, as they trailed 4-1 heading into the top of the seventh before scoring three runs to tie the game, only to see Greater New Bedford come back to score the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Andy Diranian got the rally started for the Rams with a base hit, followed by another hit by Craig Rich and a walk by Evan Boczenowski sandwiched around an out, loaded the bases for Tyler Boutwell who laced a single to right to make the score 4-2 before Ryan Cumiskey tied the game with a two run single to make the score 4-4.

The Rams could not take the lead however, and Greater Lowell would get the victory with their run in the bottom of the inning.

"Without a doubt it was a great comeback," McCarthy said. "Greater New Bedford is a perennial power in Division two and our kids fought back and did a great job. They played hard until the last out, as they have done all year. I am really proud of my guys to fight back the way they did."

Up next for the Rams is a matchup with Swampscott in the first round of the MIAA Tournament. Swampscott brings a 13-7 record into the game, and McCarthy knows it has been a hard earned 13 victories for the Big Blue of the Northeastern League.

"I don't know a lot about them at this point because we just found out we were playing them when we were on our way to New Bedford, but I know they are a very good team that plays in a very tough league," McCarthy said. "Their league schedule is tough as it is and then they also play a tough non-league schedule. They will be a very tough opponent for us."

To the left, Holly DeCoursey places eighth in the triple jump during Saturday's D3 Eastern Mass Track Meet and above Shawsheen Tech softball pitcher Kassidy Trovato lets a pitch go during a recently played game.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Margaret Mary Palazzolo aka Margaret Mary Murphy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, dated April 28, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 22136, Page 57, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated September 9, 2011 and recorded with said registry on September 15, 2011 at Book 25249 Page 231 and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated October 15, 2012 and recorded with said registry on October 26, 2012 at Book 26570 Page 199, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 114 BROWN STREET, TEWKSBURY, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon, in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated on the Southerly side of Brown Street, being shown as Lots 963, 964, 965 and 966 on a plan of land entitled "Land in Tewksbury, October 3, 1947, Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineer & Surveyor," which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 73, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by said Brown Street, 100.09 feet;
EASTERLY by Lot 962 on said plan, 80.20 feet;

SOUTHERLY by Lots 861, 860, 859 and 858 on said plan, 100 feet; and
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A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING Request for Determination of Applicability

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 8th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Dan O'Neill for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of trees 100 feet from a resource area. Said property is located at 151 Trull Road, Assessor's Map 23 Lot 31.

Kyle Boyd
Conservation Agent/
Town Planner
160695 6/1/16

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2016 at 7:05 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Pat O'Connell, Energy North for Francesca Land, LLC (Citgo Service Center/Gateway Carwash) for a Sign Special Permit in accordance with Sections 5250, 5252 and 5253 at the premises as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1700 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 6, zoned Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm.
Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
160683 6/1/16

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON NOTICE

At its meeting of May 23, 2016 and by unanimous vote, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following regulations relative to the Wilmington Dog Park:

DOGS MUST be currently licensed and tags displayed at all times; not have a contagious disease or parasites; be leashed when outside the gated enclosure; not be in heat or younger than 6 months old; be removed at first sign of aggression toward other dogs or humans; not be wearing pronged training collars or choke chains; and have a shoulder height of 18" or less to be in the Small Dog Area.

OWNER/KEEPERS MUST not bring more than 2 dogs into the park at one time; remain with their dogs in the fenced area; fill in holes dug by their dogs; not bring glass containers, alcoholic beverages, toys or food of any kind into the park; clean up after dogs IMMEDIATELY; be at least 16 years of age; not bring children under the age of 13 years old into the fenced area; keep park gates closed at all times; immediately report all bites to the non-emergency Police number, 978-658-5071; and

OWNER/KEEPERS ARE responsible for all actions of their dogs and use the facility at their own risk and are subject to fines, removal and/or exclusion from the dog park for violating rules:

Users are advised that the dog park is a smoke-free facility open from dawn to dusk with the exception of maintenance by the DPW. There is a carry-in, carry-out policy in effect for trash and a carry out policy for dog waste.

Judith L. O'Connell,
Chairman

Board of Selectmen
160698 6/1/16

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The Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team were crowned the State Voc Champions this past week. (courtesy photo).

Rams Boys Lacrosse team crowned Voc Champions

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For the second year in a row, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team won the Massachusetts State Vocational Large School championship, and for the second year in a row they did so in thrilling fashion.

After winning the title last year with a win over Whittier Tech with a goal with just 1.8 seconds left in regulation, the Rams had to work even harder this year for the title, going to overtime with Tri-County before coming away with a thrilling 12-11 victory on Saturday afternoon to capture their second title in a row and the fourth overall in school history.

Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker, who has been at the helm of the Rams for each of the Voke titles and also led the Rams to the CAC championship a couple of weeks ago, was thrilled to see his team come out on top in such dramatic fashion.

"It was awesome to grab another State Voke," Baker said. "As far as the fashion it occurred in, that makes it even better. We played very sluggish throughout the game and picked it up late in the game. To grab the overtime winner was great."

Senior attack Jack Stone of Tewksbury scored the game winner for the Rams with his team leading 55th goal of the season. It was his second goal of the game, and for Baker it was no big surprise to see his leading scor-

er step up in a big moment.

"Jack was determined on the play. The initial attempt was stopped and the ball was on the ground," Baker said. "He stayed with the play and picked the ball up by the crease and buried it. It was awesome winning it seeing that we battled uphill the entire game."

Sophomore attack Will Bouley added four goals in the win, one game after scoring seven in the Rams 17-13 win over Monty Tech last Thursday in the vocational semi-finals. Bouley now has 48 goals on the season, good for second most on the team.

"Will has been stepping up his scoring game for sure," Baker said. "He has a great shot on the run and he has been using it, hence the eleven goals in the last two games."

Sophomore goalie Chris Abele of Wilmington got the win in net for the Rams, stepping up big time for the Rams in the biggest game of his young career.

"Chris has been playing well all season long," Baker said. "He has shown great growth and he is still only a sophomore."

Senior Jay Colletti and freshman Owen Sullivan added two goals each for the Rams. Sullivan now has the third most goals on the team for the Rams with 43 on the season.

Zach DeLuca and Jacob Sinclair-Steeves had one goal each, while Sinclair was also outstanding on faceoffs for Shawsheen.

In the win over Monty Tech in the vocational semi-finals, the Rams got seven goals from Bouley and also got several other outstanding efforts, including three goals from Stone, and two goals from Jake Nardone, whole Sinclair-Steeves was 24-for-33 on faceoffs in the game while also scoring a goal.

With one tournament championship under their belts, the Rams will now set their sights on the MIAA Division 2 North Tournament, where their 16-5 record has earned them the number five seed, and they will take on No. 4 Melrose (12-6) on Thursday afternoon in Melrose.

Melrose, out of the Middlesex League will provide the stiffest test of the season for the Rams, particularly Matt Pedrini who recently set the Melrose scoring record with his 51st goal of the season and senior Jack Sievert who recently scored his 100th point, while provide quite the test for the Rams defenders.

Baker of course, will not reveal just how he intends to stop the dynamic duo or the rest of the powerful Melrose squad, but he is confident his team can get the job done.

"I am not giving away the secrets," Baker laughed. "We will definitely have to work hard, and try to slow down the tempo. We will hopefully be ready. We are a gritty team at times. We hope to play our best Thursday."

Lady Rams win first round tournament game

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Prior to the start of the season, the Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse program made a list of 12 team goals, hoping to achieve each of them under the direction of first-year coach Alex O'Reilly. Among those goals was to win the first ever CAC title in the league's inaugural season, qualify for the state vocational tournament and qualify for the MIAA State Tournament.

Over the past couple of weeks the Lady Rams have accomplished each of those goals, and on Tuesday afternoon in Chelmsford they accomplished one more, defeating Lowell Catholic in dramatic fashion by a score of 15-13 in the first round of the MIAA Division 2 North sectional tournament.

With the win, the Lady Rams advance to the sectional quarterfinals where they will take on No. 1 seed Marblehead on Thursday. The victory also achieved something the program may not necessarily have set as a goal, but will gladly take as a bonus, making history with the first MIAA tournament win in the history of the Shawsheen Girls Lacrosse program.

Late in the fourth quarter during Tuesday's game, it was looking very much like the No. 9 Lady Rams magical season was about to an end, as five straight goals by No. 8 Lowell Catholic had Shawsheen facing a 13-10 deficit with a little over six minutes left in the game.

But the Lady Rams refused to quit, and were soon on the comeback trail, with junior

Annie Riddle getting things started with a goal with 5:28 left to make the score 13-11. It was the sixth goal of the game for Riddle. And when Catherine McKenna of Tewksbury scored with 3:16 left and fellow Tewksbury resident Nicole Kopacz scored with 2:17 left the game stood tied, and looked like it was heading for overtime.

The Lady Rams however, had other ideas.

"Ever since we lost to Dracut (in overtime) earlier this season, we have not wanted to go to overtime," O'Reilly said. "Annie (Riddle) said it during a timeout. She said we are not going to overtime, we are going to win this now."

Evidently Kerrie Malloy of Tewksbury was listening to Riddle's advice, as she netted the tie breaking goal with 1:30 left in the game. Michelle Farragher of Tewksbury iced the win for the Lady Rams, scoring with one second left in the game, and Shawsheen was on to the quarterfinals.

"It was a great win for us," Riddle said. "I think the girls realized we had dropped the ball a little on Saturday with our loss in the vocational championship game, and this was a second chance for them. I think that was a big factor behind our winning today, and the girls deserve all the credit for coming back the way they did."

Julia Ryan of Wilmington had 15 saves to pick up the win in net for the Lady Rams.

A few days prior to the Lowell Catholic win, the Lady Rams had come up

with another huge victory, earning a thrilling come from behind 7-6 overtime win on Thursday over Greater Lowell in the semi-finals of the state vocational tournament.

Wilmington's Shana Warford scored the clutch game tying goal with 14 seconds left in the game before Hannah Dechiara potted the game winner in double overtime.

The girls spent the last two minutes of the game down on offense but no one could find the gap to break to the net," O'Reilly said. "Shana was at a very difficult angle, it was incredible that she managed to find the open space between the goalie and the post and score the goal."

"I think reality had began setting in for the girls that there was twenty seconds left in the game and we were losing by one. Shana just got the ball and knew she had to shoot. She understood the urgency that was necessary if our team wanted to win this, and she kept the dream alive by scoring that goal."

Dechiara's overtime winner was equally thrilling. And strangely enough, it was almost expected.

"There's a joke with our team now that Hannah is only allowed to shoot at the end of games when we need to break a tie," O'Reilly said. "This is the second time in weeks that Hannah has scored the most significant goal of a game with just minutes on the clock."

"Hannah is a secret weapon because her offensive positioning doesn't allow her to get good shots

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Twins edge out Orioles

Major League Baseball
Twins 8, Orioles 7

In a back and forth game, the Orioles took a 7-4 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning on strong pitching from Colin Sainato and Luke Murphy. Sainato (3 hits), Dom Gabardi (3 hits), and Nick DiSario (2 hits) were the hitting stars helping to put the runs on the board for the Orioles.

Joey Dynan and Patrick Stokes did the pitching for the Orioles combining for 13 strikeouts to keep some Oriole base runners from scoring. Nick Doyle (2 hits), Stephen Smolinsky, John Ware, Johnny Rhind, and Michael Dynan had hits for the Twins.

The excitement was provided in the bottom of the sixth, when the Twins got two runners on with two outs. Joey Dynan (3 hits) singled in a run to make it 7-5. Then Danny McConologue (2 hits) hit a walk off three-run home run to win the game, 8-7.

Twins 9, White Sox 4

Johnny Rhind pitched four shutout innings to help the Twins to a 9-4 win over the White Sox. Wil Alworth and Michael Daniels pitched for the first time this year to finish the game.

Daniels also had two hits to pace the offense with Nick Benson, Danny McConologue, Stephen Smolinsky, John Ware, Will Kenyon, and Joey Dynan also providing hits for the Twins.

Aidan Elkins was the starting pitcher for the White Sox, with David Clemente and Jake Glinner providing relief. The offensive highlight of the game was a laser shot home run by Elkins in the sixth for the White Sox.

Tigers 7, Twins 6

There was an exciting finish to the completion of postponed rain game from earlier in the season. Nolan Vignat pitched the entire four innings to finish the game for Tigers with a strong performance. Patrick Stokes pitched well for the Twins as well.

Nate Packer and Joey Cornish paced the offense for the Tigers to push them to a 7-2 lead.

Then, the comeback began. The Twins loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth for Nick Benson, who thrilled the crowd with a grand slam home run to cut the lead to 7-6.

The Twins then got the tying and winning runs on base, but Vignat got the final out on a soft liner.

Twins 15, Tigers 6

Joey Dynan pitched a strong five innings and Danny McConologue finished the game with the two combining for 11 strikeouts and only two walks. For the Tigers, it was Nate Packer and Joey Cornish again providing the offensive burst for the Tigers with two hits each helping the Tigers jump out to a 5-0 lead in the first

inning.

But the Twins bats would come alive with nine Twins getting hits in the game: Nick Doyle, Michael Daniels, John Ware, Wil Alworth, Nick Benson, Patrick Stokes, Danny McConologue, and Joey Dynan.

Stephen Smolinsky had two hits including a double and his first home run of the season. Liam Dwyer, Matt Vinal, and Shane Costello did the pitching for the Tigers.

Farm League Baseball
A's vs Braves

The A's had great performances from many players. Every player on the team has shown great improvement throughout the year. Nolan Gouthro and Kyle Tibbetts had several solid hits. Gavin Burke would have had a solid double up the middle if the coaches leg didn't get in the way.

Timmy Watson and Roman Synnott each pitched an inning showing excellent control and velocity. Aidan Largenton was excellent in three innings as catcher in addition to having some good hits.

The first play of the game was a line drive catch by Pat DeLucia, while playing shortstop. Another notable defensive play was a nice ground ball scoop and unassisted out at second base by Chase Heffernan.

Offensively, there were many great hits from Nolan Richards, Alex D'Angelo, Dominic Dencso, and Ethan Afthim. Special recognition for fifth inning defensive plays by Luke Kitanov and Matt Driscoll. Luke played the pitching position and fielded three consecutive plays, throwing out the runner to Driscoll, the first baseman.

Astros vs Royals

A little sun in the eyes wasn't enough to slow the Astros' bats. James Passerini, Erin McCarthy, and Isaac Tavares went 5-for-5, Justin Fricia, Ryan Gray, and Roman DiZoglio added four hits each, and Chris DeFilippo, Evan Cummings, Mikey Taylor, and Connor Sullivan added more to the offense.

Isaac Tavares had a double play in the field and Kevin Pruslin, Quinn Stockman, Passerini, Cummings, Taylor, Sullivan, and Gray were some others that added to the team's outstanding defensive showing. Sullivan and Taylor each struck out two in their innings on the mound.

For the Royals, Luke Cushing had a very nice hit and Logan Zimmer, Cam Pereira, J.R. Haggerty, and Tony Cummings had hits as well. Jack Martinson pitched well and Derek Perault made a some nice plays in the field. AJ Roy, Shane Gargan and Gabe Lydon played well adding to a strong team effort.

Lady Rams win first tournament game

FROM PG SP6W

off, but she is in the best place to feed the ball to others and set up massive plays. Everyone just ran to her and picked her up off the ground. It was the best moment."

Ryan and Jess Sheppard shared the goaltending duties, with Sheppard allowing three goals while making eight saves in the first half, while Ryan allowed three goals while making seven saves in the second half.

"These two are so dependable and equally talented that it just makes sense to get them equal playing time during these games," O'Reilly said. "Without them we might not even be in these tournaments so it is very important to get them the field time they both deserve."

The Lady Rams were unable to achieve one final goal on Saturday, as they dropped a heartbreaker to Essex Tech in the championship game of the vocational tournament, losing by a score of 9-7. Shawshen had defeated Essex twice earlier in the season in close games, but they came up just short

this time. Still, O'Reilly has no regrets about her team's effort in the loss.

"If I was given the opportunity to go back and change anything about my team's performance this game, I would leave it all the same," O'Reilly said. "They left their hearts on the field, and gave one hundred and ten percent."

"Essex Tech has become a very strong team over the last few years and they have incredible goal tending. I feel both teams just knew the other so well. We know all of Essex Tech's plays, they know all of ours, so the opportunities to get a leg up over each other were extremely minimal. Their victory was well deserved."

"I know our whole team wishes we could have won that game, but placing second is still a massive accomplishment."

Goal scorers on the day for the Lady Rams were Riddle with two, and Farragher, Malloy, Warford, McKenna and Katie McLaren with one each.

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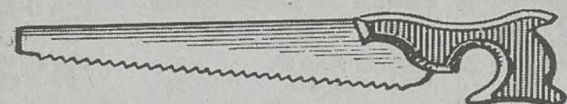
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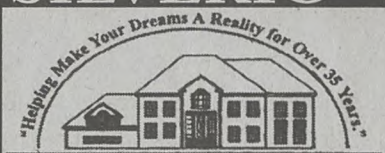
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Travel soccer highlights

BU9-2

Wilmington vs. Billerica

A spectacular match at Shawsheen on Thursday evening as the Wilmington Boys U9-2 squad took on a tough Billerica opponent.

From the opening whistle, Wilmington went on the offense pushing Billerica on their heels.

The attack was a team execution as the first shift of Layne Coutu commanded the middle, the flanks led by the dynamic duo of Tyler Marinho and Brendan Fitzgerald generated opportunities for Jack Murphy, while the stronghold of Danny O'Mahony stopped any counterattacks.

After constant pressure from Wilmington, the game opened up when Jack Murphy took the opportunity of a scramble at the top of the box to put one in the back of the net.

The second shift led by the speed of Lincoln Levesque, the persistent pressure from Cameron Jenks and Ryan

Muise, and the tough defensive anchor of Kaleb Molina continued to frustrate Billerica as they could not muster any goal-scoring opportunities.

The addition of Koko Shinohara to man the middle late in the first half, led to a second tally for Wilmington, as Lincoln Levesque ran past the Billerica defense to put the shot in high and to the right.

The alternating goal-keeping duties of Ayden Balter and Tyler Florencio ensured that the first half ended in favor of Wilmington.

In the second half the switching of Koko Shinohara and Layne Coutu in net continued to frustrate Billerica as shots taken for what would have been a sure goal, were stopped time and time again by the pair. Tyler Florencio with fresh legs was a constant pressure up front and his hard work paid off as he scored to put Wilmington up by three.



Wilmington's GU10-1 team participated in The Danvers Invitational Tournament over Memorial Day Weekend. The team went 2-2 and fought hard in every game first through the blazing heat of Summer on Saturday followed by the cool crisp misty day of Fall on Sunday! The team includes back row from left, Lily MacKenzie, Julia Archer, Emily Doherty, Emily Grace, Grace Walsh and Lexi Engvaldsen and front row from left, Ali Doherty, Ashley Mercier, Molly MacDonald and Ali Ganley. The team is coached by Melissa Doherty, Mike Mercier and Jordyn Granara. (courtesy photo).

Locals take part in half marathon

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Many locals took part in the 'Boston's Run to Remember Half Marathon' held this past weekend. Wilmington resident Julie Tucci was the top local as she was 67th with a time of 1:27.47. Other Wilmington females include: Jessica Stryhalaleck (321st, 1:37.27), Kim Doherty (600th, 1:42.30), Jennifer Bolanos (1,055th, 1:48.17), Stephanie Rice (1,607th, 1:53.56), Michelle Mallon (2,766th, 2:02.32), Debbie Carriere (3,545th, 2:08.24), Adriana Reguera (3,612th, 2:09.00), Marlene Titterington (3,763rd, 2:10.02), Christine Cassim (3,967th, 2:11.44), Jennifer Picard (4,240th, 2:14.04), Shannon Creamer-Minghella (4,241st, 2:14.50), Laura Cataldi (4,603rd, 2:17.56), Olivia Stalker (4,970th, 2:22.30), Dianne Vitale (5,751st, 2:38.05), Tracy Surprenant (5,752nd, 2:38.06), Laura Mahoney (5,766th, 2:38.24), Kristin Harris (5,799th, 2:39.10), Teresa Ptashka (61,34th, 2:58.39) and Anne Clinton (6,180th, 3:09.22).

The top male from Wilmington was Joseph Coughlan, who was 128th overall at 1:30.24. He was followed by: Billy Martin (164th, 1:32.24), Shawn McCarthy (479th, 1:40.40), Orion Martin (730th, 1:44.22), Anthony Carriere (1,156th, 1:49.31), Anthony LaRosa (1,89th, 1:56.13), Thomas Berrigan, Jr. (2,012th, 1:57.06), Anthony Morlani (2,180th, 1:58.07), Michael Ferrara (2,465th, 2:00.11), Tom Goodwin (4,977th, 2:22.33), Herman Gomez (5,237th, 2:26.43) and Christopher Ducharme (5,823rd, 2:39.58).



The Wilmington GU11-2 team finished as semi finalists in the Danvers tournament this weekend. They went 2-1 in group stages and fell short 2-0 to Woburn in the semis. The team includes top row from left, Cathy Cook, Emily Provost, Ella Cedrone, Julianna Marinho, Bella Romano, Carina Odonnell, Alexis Edwards, Fernando Marinho; and bottom row from left, Sydney Collins, Erica Raimo, Anabelle Cook, Sloane McIntyre and Julia Gray. (courtesy photo).



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